

The Holy Gospel taken from
Luke 2:1-14(15-20).

Lesson Guide

- I. Open with the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9)
- II. Read the story aloud
- III. Share the story
 1. What was different about the birth of Jesus?
- IV. Closing Prayer

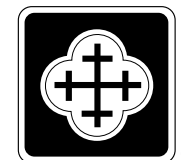
Dear Jesus, Mary and Joseph prepared a manger for you to be born in Bethlehem. Help us to prepare a place for you in our lives too. *Amen.*

Children may be encouraged to respond to the story through artwork or dramatic play.

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Mary and Joseph had to go
to Bethlehem to be taxed.

When they were in Bethlehem,
the Lord Jesus was born.

Mary laid him in a manger,
for there was no place to sleep
in the inn.

Mary and Joseph loved the baby
God had promised.