



Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25



Instructions:

Cut and color the figures. Glue onto craft sticks. Act out the Nativity on the following page.



THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

Narrator: The roman emperor passed a law in order to count all its citizens which required them to go to their native town to be registered. Joseph and Mary lived in Nazareth but were originally from Bethlehem, the city of King David, for they belonged to the house and line of David. They travelled by donkey and arrived late at night to the small town.

Joseph: The town is full and I could only find a stable for us to sleep.

Mary: We must stay there. I feel the child will soon be born.

Narrator: That night, the baby was born and they named Him Jesus as the angel had said. Mary gazed at her beautiful baby and remembered the words of the angel:

Angel: “He will save the world”.

Narrator: That same night, some shepherds watched over their sheep in a nearby Pasture. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and a resplendent light shone all around them. Frightened, they knelt down and the angel said to them:

Angel: Do not be afraid. I bring you great news which will cause great joy for all people. Today, your Savior is born in Bethlehem. You will find Him wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Narrator: Later, many angels appeared in the sky, singing and praising God for the marvelous gift of baby Jesus. They sang:

Angels: “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace and goodwill to men on which His favor rests.

Narrator: The shepherds left immediately to search for the child and found Him lying in a manger. When they found Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, they knew the angel’s words were true and they knelt and adored the child God.

Soon after Jesus was born, three wise men were travelling on camels following a bright star in the sky. They knew this star meant the King of the Jew, the Savior of the world would be born. They followed the star which led them to the stable. Upon seeing baby Jesus, they knelt and adored Him the newborn King.

Later the wise men gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, costly gifts one would give a King, not a baby.

Mary and Joseph: Thank you for your generosity and kind attention to our child.

Narrator: The wise men departed to find a place to sleep.

Song: O Come Let Us Adore Him, Bethel Music Kids, https://youtu.be/X_n2eUUn9oY