

Year C - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

Luke 2:1-14

Today a Saviour has been born for you.



About that time Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books. These first records were made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family.

Mary was engaged to Joseph and travelled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby, and while they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him on a bed of hay, because there was no room for them in the inn.

That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep. All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them.

The shepherds were frightened. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David's hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying on a bed of hay." Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said: "Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God."



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Jesus is a light to the world



Introduction

- Every year billions of people all across the world celebrate today, because on this day over 2000 years ago, Jesus was born and the world was changed forever

Message

- Share the Christmas story with the children and then ask them about what are the parts of the story that stand out to them and why. You may want to use the stick puppets from the activity page to help you tell this story.
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- Before Jesus came into the world there was so much distance between God and His people, they had forgotten about how much God loves them and so they had forgotten to love God and love one another.
- When Jesus was born it was like a light came into this dark world, showing us the way back to God and His love.
- And every time one of us chooses to be a friend to Jesus, to be a Christian, it is like we add our light to his, making this world a brighter places and showing everyone the love of God.

Discussion

- What happens when you light a candle in a dark room?
- What happens when you light more and more of these candles?
- What are ways we can be a light in the world?



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