



The Birth of Jesus

We know the story of Jesus' birth. But why was Jesus born in Bethlehem and kept in a manger?



Emperor Augustus, ordered a count of people in his empire. People had to go to their hometowns to get their names registered in the lists prepared by the emperor's men.

So Joseph decided to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, the city of his ancestor, King David. He travelled with Mary who was soon going to give birth to a child.

When Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem, they found the city crowded with people. There was no place in the inns or hotels. They searched and found a stable meant for animals. Here Mary gave birth to a Son and lay Him in a manger after covering Him in bits of cloth.

That night an angel appeared to a group of shepherds sleeping in a faraway field and announced the birth of a Saviour in the city of David. The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found Joseph and Mary, with the new-born lying in the manger. They were very happy and went back singing praises to God for they had met the Saviour – Christ the Lord.

We celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas day. We make cribs to remind ourselves that Jesus, the chosen one of God, was born in a humble place.

She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

Luke 2: 7

We pray and sing praises to God for giving us baby Jesus. We worship baby Jesus as our Saviour and Lord! Today we shall worship Baby Jesus by singing a song. Come, come to the manger, says Mama Mary to us! Come and adore baby Jesus...



Division of history and time: One most important happening related to the birth of Jesus was the division of time and history- the Time before the birth of Jesus was named BC and the Time after His birth was called AD. The first one BC means Before Christ and AD means Anno Domini and in English it is In the Year of our Lord. AD was given by Dionysius Exiguus, and BC by Venerable Bede.

Bethlehem: Etymologically in Hebrew it means the “House of Bread” and in Arabic “House of Meat”. Bethlehem is centrally related to the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Do you know where Bethlehem is?
See the map above where the pin is pointed. This is where Jesus was born - not far from your home. Known as Holy Land, the place is visited by thousands of people every day. Just draw in the map a line from your home to Bethlehem. And yes, if you have cakes this week, dont forget to share with others.





As you connect the dots to create this picture of a person who loves you very much, think about what you might say to her and what she is saying to you.

