

The Christmas Story Part 2 ... The Birth

English Corner

Christmas continued...

Hot Topics

1. Where were you born?
2. After a baby is born, is there anything the mother/father should do or not do?
3. Were there any special celebrations/ceremonies after you were born? E.g. 100 days in Korea, baptism etc....

Vocabulary

Wrapped: to cover something or someone with cloth, paper etc.

Strips of cloth: long narrow pieces of cloth.

Manger: an animal feed container that contained hay.

Inn: a hotel

Fields: An area of land for growing crops or feeding animals.

Shepherd: someone whose job is to look after sheep.

Glory: great beauty

Frightened: afraid or nervous.

Saviour; someone who saves people from great harm.

Praising: to give respect and thanks to God

English Corner Christmas Party!!

Time: Tuesday December 21, 6.00 pm (join us at English Corner—from 4– 5.30 pm for the Nativity Movie, then walk with us to our house — 7 Hampstead Rd, Highgate Hill).

Where: Meet at the City Library. Community Meeting Room from 4—5.30 pm for English Corner and then walk with us to (Ashley, Kim, Jennifer, Sandra, Dancy, Clare, James, Jordan, Jonty and Jesse's house! Near Southbank.

What: Bring a gift (<\$5) to be involved in the Secret Santa gift giving.

Food: Please bring \$5 for Christmas dinner!

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Introduction

Last week we read about the story of Mary and Joseph and the naming of Jesus—meaning God is with us. Today we are going to read about the special visitors Mary and Joseph had after Jesus was born.

You need: Narrator 1, Narrator 2, Angel 1, 2 and 3, Shepherds 1 & 2.

Jesus is born Luke 2:1-20 (DB)

Narrator 1: Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, when the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, as there was no room at the inn.

Narrator 2: That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were looking after their sheep. All at once an angel came down to them from God, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were frightened, but the angel said to them:

Angel: Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in Bethlehem a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.

Narrator 1: Suddenly a great number of angels appeared, praising God

Angels 1,2,3: Praise God in heaven and peace on earth to everyone who pleases God.

Narrator 2: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another:

Shepherds 1 & 2: Let's go to Bethlehem!

Shepherd 1: And see this thing that has happened.

Shepherd 2: Which the Lord has told us about.

Narrator 1: So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in a manger on a bed of hay.

Narrator 2: The Shepherds returned praising God for all the things they had heard and seen.

Quick Review Quiz

In two teams try and answer the following:

1. Who are Joseph and Mary?
2. What was the relationship between Joseph and Mary?
3. What was special about this pregnancy?

Discussion Questions:

1. Where was Jesus born? Is this the kind of place for God's son?
2. What do the circumstances around his birth tell us about God?