

# THE CHRISTMAS STORY



*And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.*

*And Joseph also went up to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.*





And so it was, that,  
while they were there,  
the days were  
accomplished that she  
should be delivered.

And she brought forth  
her firstborn son, and  
wrapped him in  
swaddling clothes, and  
laid him in a manger;  
because there was no  
room for them in the  
inn.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.





*When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.*

*And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.*

And there were in the same country  
shepherds abiding in the field, keeping  
watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon  
them, and the glory of the Lord shone  
round about them: and they were sore  
afraid.



*And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*

*And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*





*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of  
the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to  
God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will  
toward men.*

