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Celebrating Christmas

The visitor to Mary and birth of baby Jesus

Wath the video and read the passage. Answer the questions.

About two thousand years ago, in the town of **Nazareth**, there lived a young woman named **Mary**. She was **engaged** (betrothed) to be married to **Joseph**, a carpenter. One day an **angel** appeared before her and told her she had been chosen to have a special baby. The baby would be **God's son**, and she should call him **Jesus**.

Soon after the angel's visit, Mary and Joseph were married. Mary was due to have her baby when they were told that they had to go on a long journey to **Bethlehem**, which was where Joseph came from. This was because they had to pay a special **tax**. Mary had to ride on a donkey during the journey over the few days over the hills of Galilee.



At last Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem. It was crowded with many other people who also needed to pay their taxes. Mary was very tired and needed a place to stay. At each of the **inns** (small hotel), the story was the same. There was no room for them. Eventually, one kind innkeeper said he had a **stable** where he kept his animals. They were welcome to stay there.

A few hours after they were settled, Mary gave birth to her son. She named the baby Jesus, wrapped him in strips of cloth, and laid Him in a **manger** (a trough to keep animal straw) which was full of hay.

At the same time on a hillside overlooking Bethlehem, some **shepherds** were watching over their sheep. A bright light appeared in the sky. They were very afraid when they saw the bright light. They were angels sent by God. They sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill to all men." One of the angels told them not to be afraid because they had come to bring good news. He said that the Son of God had been born and they could find Him in Bethlehem.

The shepherds wanted to go and see the baby. When they arrived at the stable, they were filled with joy at seeing the baby Jesus lying in the manger. They knelt down and worshipped Him. They told Mary and Joseph how the angels had appeared in the sky and told them that Jesus was to be the Saviour of the world. When they left, they were filled with **joy** and told everyone they met about the good news of the new baby.



1. Who was Jesus' mother? _____

2. How did Mary know that she was going to have a baby?

3. Who was Mary betrothed to marry? _____

4. In which city was Jesus born?

Marco City

Eleuthera

Bethlehem

5. What is a manger used for?

6. Jesus was born in a _____.

7. Why did Mary and Joseph leave to go to Bethlehem?

They had to pay a special tax

To have the baby

To visit the shepherds

8. Who appeared before the shepherds? _____

9. What caused the shepherds to be afraid?

10. When Mary and Joseph arrived at the city where did they hope to stay?

At a cousin's house

At the Inn

By Joseph's father

11. What was the message the shepherd received?

12. Where were the shepherds told they could find the baby?

13. Quote the song the angels sang.

14. Write the numbers 1-4 to tell about the shepherds visit.

____ They told everyone about Jesus.

____ They knelt and worshipped the baby.

____ They were filled with joy.

____ They told Mary and Joseph about the angels.

