

# Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Luke 2



The angels said, "For there is born to you today, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10

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Joseph and Mary could hardly wait for their son to be born. Mary's belly grew big as baby Jesus grew big inside her.

The rulers of Nazareth made a law. Everyone must be counted. People went back to the towns where they were born.

Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem. Mary rode on top of a wobbly donkey. Joseph walked beside the donkey on that long, hard trip. Bethlehem was crowded. "Can we stay at your inn?" Joseph asked.

"No. There is no room here." So, Mary and Joseph slept in a cold, dark, smelly barn. In the night, Mary felt pain. It was time.

She gave birth to her first son. Jesus, the king of the world, was born! Life changed at that moment in time. God came to us as a human.

Mary wrapped Jesus in strips of cloth. She laid him where the donkeys ate. A dazzling, bright star shone down on them.

First one, and then many angels burst out singing, "We bring you good news of great joy. A Savior has been born. He is Christ the Lord."

It was the first Christmas.

## Questions

1. Who is Jesus?
2. What was the first Christmas like?
3. How does your family celebrate Jesus' birthday?
4. How can you celebrate the birth of Jesus, instead of only thinking about toys and Santa?

## Pray this Prayer

Dear Jesus,  
Happy Birthday! Thank you for leaving heaven to come to earth. Thank you for living among us as a human. You bring us joy. I want to bring you joy, too. Merry Christmas! Amen



Write above the angels their good news song.