

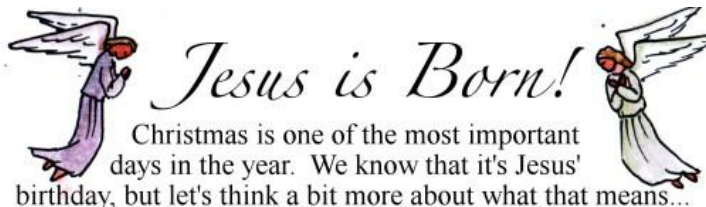
St Mark's Parish

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas 2021

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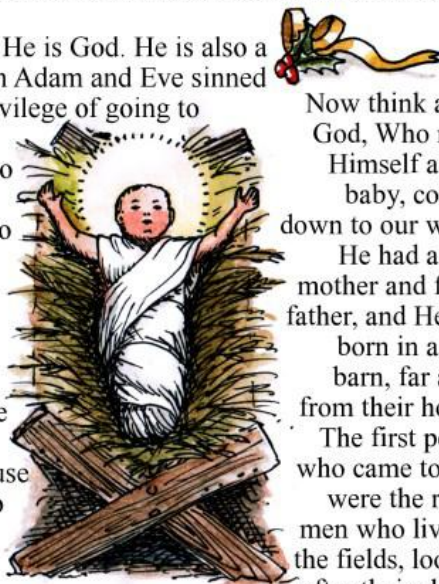
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Christmas is one of the most important days in the year. We know that it's Jesus' birthday, but let's think a bit more about what that means...

Who is Jesus? He is God. He is also a real man. When Adam and Eve sinned they lost the privilege of going to Heaven. Now people needed to pay back for their sins, but no sacrifice they could make could ever be big enough. Only a perfect man could make a perfect sacrifice. And because God loved us so much He became a man to die for us!



Now think about God, Who made Himself a little baby, coming down to our world. He had a poor mother and foster father, and He was born in a little barn, far away from their home. The first people who came to visit were the rough men who lived in the fields, looking after their sheep.

God loved us so much that He made Himself into a poor baby. Doesn't that just make you want to love Him more? Today or in the next few days, spend some time looking at a creche (a nativity scene) and think about Baby Jesus and how much God loves us.



Children's Liturgy



Who did What?

Write the number of the person beside what they did in the Christmas Story.

1. Saint Joseph

__ Announced the joyful news of the Saviour's birth

2. Our Lady

__ Commanded that everyone register in their hometown

3. The Shepherds

__ Did not have room for the man and his wife

4. The Angels

__ Took his wife to Bethlehem

5. The Innkeeper

__ Pondered all these things in her heart

6. Baby Jesus

__ Went to find the newborn Saviour

7. The Emperor

__ Came to save the people from their sins





During the night of the first Christmas, the shepherds were out in the fields watching their sheep before the angels came to tell them that the Saviour was born.

Can you find all the shepherds in this picture?

How many are there?

You can colour in the picture too!



The First Christmas



AT THAT TIME THE ROMAN EMPEROR, WHO WAS THE RULER OF ALL THAT AREA, MADE EVERYONE REGISTER IN THEIR HOME-TOWNS.

The emperor declares that everyone must register in their home town!

MARY AND JOSEPH WENT TO BETHLEHEM. MARY WAS GOING TO HAVE A BABY VERY SOON.

I'm sorry this is such a long journey for you!

BECAUSE NOBODY HAD ROOM FOR THEM THEY FOUND A STABLE FOR SHELTER.

I guess this will have to do.

THAT NIGHT BABY JESUS WAS BORN.

SUDDENLY ANGELS APPEARED TO THE SHEPHERDS OUT IN THE FIELDS.

Today a saviour is born..

THE SHEPHERDS CAME TO SEE AND WORSHIP THE NEWBORN SAVIOUR.

EVERYONE WAS AMAZED AT WHAT THE SHEPHERDS SAID. MARY KEPT ALL THESE THINGS IN HER HEART AND ALWAYS REMEMBERED THEM.

There was a whole army of angels!

WHY DO YOU THINK GOD CAME INTO THE WORLD AS A POOR AND TINY BABY WHEN HE COULD HAVE COME AS A POWERFUL KING? JESUS BECAME LITTLE SO THAT HE COULD SUFFER WITH US AND SO WE COULD LOVE HIM AS SOMEONE LIKE OURSELVES. HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOU LOVE JESUS TODAY ON HIS BIRTHDAY?



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