

St Mark's Parish

Sunday 25 December 2022

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

A Little Story for Christmas



Before Emmanuel was born, his brother and sister felt that they were enough - and they certainly kept things busy at home. There was a lot of noise in the house after school when they were fighting for the couch, the TV, or the favorite snack. One time, even as

Christmas drew near, there were a lot of loud temper tantrums: she had ruined his video game and he had thrown her doll and taken her favorite snack. For these two, it was almost like Emmanuel would never come.

They weren't really expecting him, but Mom and Dad knew that he would arrive. They tried to remind the kids but it wasn't easy. However, on December 25th, all was quiet in the house. And that was the day Emmanuel came too, very quietly. He could have been the centre of attention, but he was the kind of baby that could not be heard unless you were very quiet. His brother and sister began to understand that. Actually it was like that even when he was older. It was because you didn't expect him, they said.



Emmanuel was Jesus, and we are his brothers and sisters. A little noisy at times, a little selfish, and sometimes we just don't expect him. We feel that we are enough. Even today, unless we stop to visit him, and come up quietly to the crib to talk to him in our hearts, we might never realize that God has come.

Children's Liturgy

Today is born
our Savior



YouTube

**WATCH
TODAY'S
YOUTUBE
KIDS GOSPEL**

<https://youtu.be/Oib2-uPGMpE>



*Help the shepherds find their way to
Bethlehem to see Baby Jesus.*

Christmas Word-Find

B E T H L E H E M D
M N J E S P O O R O
O I M C J E S U S N
T G A H O X E N T K
H H N R S C U M A E
E T G I E O B A B Y
R S E S P L D R L W
B I R T H D A Y E A
O N N A Z A R E T H
R N S T A Y K S B O
N W R A P P E D R N



BABY

BETHLEHEM

BIRTHDAY

BORN

CHRIST

COLD

DARK

DONKEY

INN

JESUS

JOSEPH

MANGER

MARY

MOTHER

NAZARETH

NIGHT

OXEN

POOR

STABLE

STAY

WRAPPED

Why is Christmas so special? Because



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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.

There was a whole army of angels!

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

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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