

The First Christmas - The Shepherds Story

Luke 2:4-18

Luke 2:4 And Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David,

Luke 2:5 to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant.

Luke 2:6 While they were there, the time came
for her to give birth.

Luke 2:7 Then she gave birth to her firstborn Son, and she wrapped Him snugly in cloth and laid Him in a feeding trough - because there was no room for them at the inn.

Luke 2:8 In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock.

Luke 2:9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Luke 2:10 But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people,

Luke 2:11 today a Savior, who is Messiah the
Lord was born for you in the city of David.

Luke 2:12 This will be the sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a manger.

Luke 2:13, 14 Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors.

Luke 2:15 When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made know to us.”

Luke 2:16 They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the feeding trough.

Luke 2:17, 18 After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.