

The Christmas Story

One day, God sent an **angel** to a young girl named **Mary** who lived in the village of **Nazareth**. The **angel** told her that she was going to have a **baby**, God's **son**. He also told her that she should call him **Jesus**.

God also sent the **angel** to Mary's fiancé, **Joseph**, to tell him that he should marry **Mary**, because the **baby** she is expecting is God's **son**.

King **Herod** wanted all the people of his country to be counted. **Joseph** and **Mary** had to go to **Bethlehem** to have themselves counted.

When **Joseph** and **Mary** arrived in **Bethlehem**, it was almost time for the **baby** to be born. They couldn't find a place to sleep at all, so an **innkeeper** gave them room in a **stable** to sleep in. When **Jesus** was born, **Mary** wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a **manger**.

In the fields nearby, there were **shepherds** tending their **sheep**. God sent an **angel** to them, a special **messenger**, to tell them the good news of Jesus' birth.

The **shepherds** went to look for **Jesus** and found him just as the **angel** had told them.

Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:1-20