

means, "God with us." When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel told him and took Mary as his wife. It was time to pay taxes and the king had ordered that everyone return to the place where he was born to pay and be present for the census.

Joseph: Mary, we need to go to Bethlehem. My family is there. You know that David is my ancestor.

Scene 3: (Mary and Joseph have traveled to Bethlehem. The innkeeper talks to himself.)

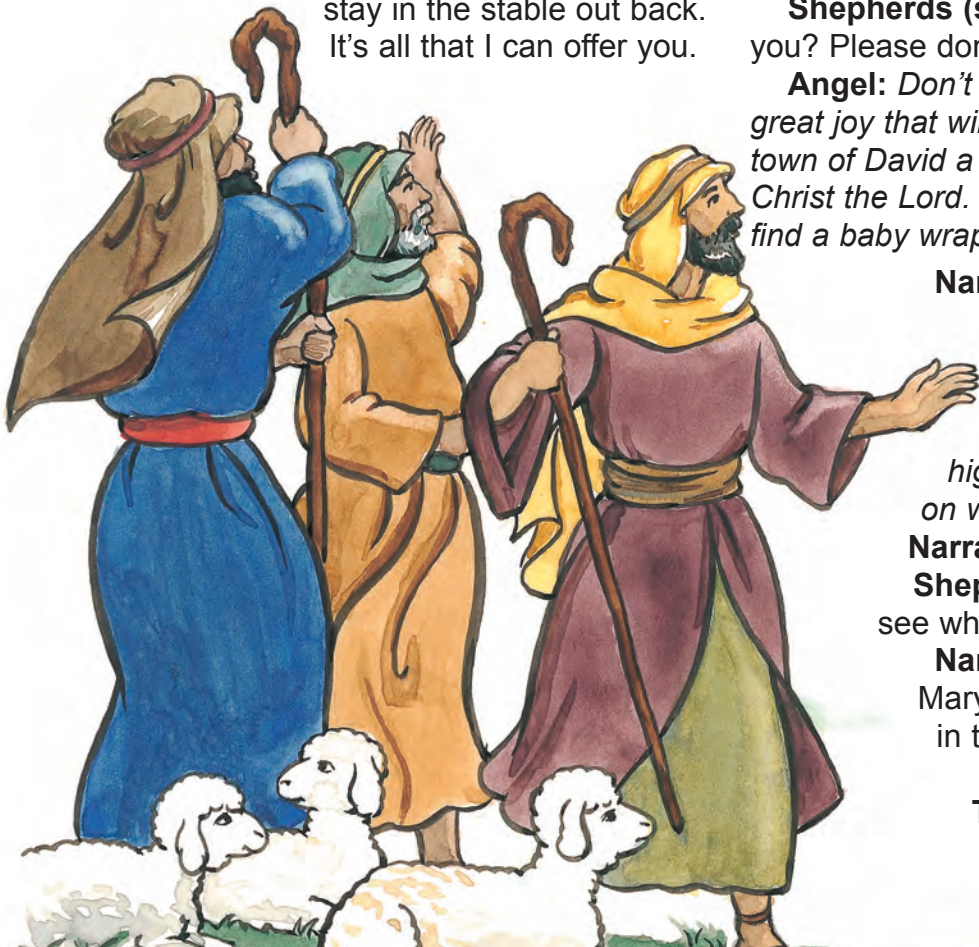
Innkeeper: All of Bethlehem is full of people coming to register for the census. The inn is completely full. I hope no one else comes that I have to tell them that I have no more room. Oh...just my luck, another person knocking at the door.

Joseph: Do you have a room available?

Innkeeper: I'm sorry, but the inn is full. You'll have to find another place.

Joseph: We've come from Nazareth. My wife is about to have our baby and she is so tired. You don't have any place where we could rest for a bit?

Innkeeper: I already told you, no! My inn is full. I'd like to help you but...no. Wait a minute, I have an idea. If you want, you can stay in the stable out back. It's all that I can offer you.



Joseph: The stable. Okay, that's fine, thank you.

Scene 4: (Mary and Joseph and the baby are in the corner of the stable. The shepherds have sat down around their campfire when the angels appear.)

Narrator: While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger.

In the same region, there was a group of shepherd that were keeping watch on their flocks at night. An angel appeared to them.

Shepherds (scared): What is this? Who are you? Please don't hurt us!

Angel: *Don't be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.*

Narrator: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and they said:

Angels: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.*

Narrator: Then the angels left.

Shepherds: Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us.

Narrator: They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby asleep in the manger.

The End

