

Fourth Sunday of Advent
The Birth of Jesus

Nursery/Kindergarten/Younger Elementary Levels

Jesus, God's Gift For Us!

(Based on Luke 2:1-20)



Joseph and Mary have to be counted. They walk a long trip towards Bethlehem.

But, Mary rides a donkey because she is about to give birth.

They reach Bethlehem and have to stay in the only available place—the barn.

It is a beautiful night. Mary gives birth to Jesus. Joseph and Mary are very happy. They know Jesus is a precious gift to them. They wrap him with cloth. They put hay in the manger and lay Jesus there.



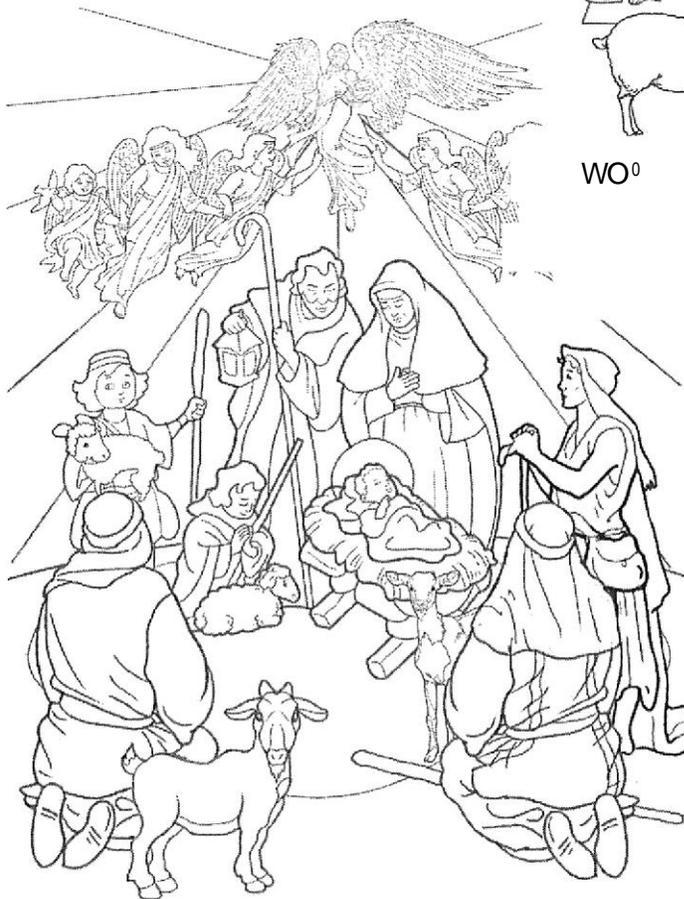
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On the same night, the shepherds are quietly watching their sheep. All of a sudden, the angels appear. They are singing.

"Glory to God in the highest!
Peace on Earth,
Goodwill to all!"



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Then, they tell the shepherds, "Go to Bethlehem because Jesus is born. He is wrapped in cloth and sleeping in a manger."

Immediately, the shepherds run away to see Jesus. They are so happy. As they leave the barn, they start to praise and thank God for God's gift to us—Jesus.

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Paste your baby picture. Decorate the frame. Read the label.

**Jesus is our gift from God.
I am a gift to my family.**

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Younger Elementary Level

Connect the numbers 1 to 55. Decorate your work.



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Middle Elementary/Older Elementary Levels

Get your Bible. Read Luke 2:4-7. Number the pictures from 1 to 4 according to how it happened in the story.



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Middle Elementary Level

Recall God's purpose for sending Jesus to us. Complete the table to remember God's purpose for your life.

Place	What God wants me to do as my purpose in life
1. At home as elder or younger brother or sister	
2. In school with my seatmate, classmate, and teacher	
3. In the Sunday school class 4. During communion	

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Older Elementary Level

Recall God's purpose for sending Jesus to us. Complete the table to remember God's purpose for your life.

Place	What God wants me to do as my purpose in life
1. At home when asked by my parents to do something	
2. In school with my seatmate, classmate, teacher, and other school officials	
3. In the Sunday school class as leader or member of the class 4. During communion	
5. In the community when asked to manage our wastes at home	

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Older Elementary Level

Study the picture. Describe how the family welcomed the baby.



Write different ways of showing how a family can welcome a baby.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

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Youth Level

Retell the following story.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

'While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

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Adult Level

Study the picture.



Based on the editorial cartoon by Jess Abrera of *Philippine Daily Inquirer*,
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Answer the questions and write your thoughts.

1. How were the poor people during Jesus time similar to the poor people of today?

2. How is the Good News of Jesus good news to the poor? What can we do to help spread the Good News?

3. Do you still see hope in this situation? Explain why or why not?

4. Where or with whom do you see hope?
