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THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Soon after the birth of John the Baptist, Joseph had a dream. He saw an angel from the Lord standing beside him. The angel said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for that which has been gotten in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins.

Joseph now knew that this Child who was to be born would be the King of Israel, of whom the prophets of the Old Testament had spoken so many times.

Soon after Joseph and Mary were married in Nazareth, a command went forth from the Emperor, Caesar Augustus, through all the lands of the Roman Empire. All the people were to go to the cities and towns from which their families had come, and there to have their names written down upon a list. Since both Joseph and Mary had come from the family of King David, they went together from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It was a long Journey.

When Joseph and Mary came to Bethlehem, they found the city full of people who, like themselves, had come to have their names written upon the list. The inn was full, and there was no room for them. The best they could do was to go to a stable, where the cattle were kept. In this stable of Bethlehem Jesus, the Savior of the world, was born. Mary wrapped her child in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, where the cows and oxen were fed. Then she and Joseph adored the Divine Infant. This was the very first Christmas.

In this way the Son of God became Man. He came down to earth and was born of the virgin Mary. Only lowly animals helped to warm the chill of the cave. For the love of us, Jesus, true God, wanted to be born in a humble place. In this way He shows us how He loves humility.

Christmas is celebrated in memory of the birth of our Lord.

CHAPTER 3: THE BIRTH OF JESUS

- 1) **WHAT WAS JOSEPHS DREAM ABOUT?**
- 2) **WHAT WAS JESUS TO DO FOR HIS PEOPLE?**
- 3) **WHAT CITY DID JOSEPH AND MARY GO TO?**
- 4) **WHERE WAS JESUS BORN?**
- 5) **WHY WAS HE BORN IN SUCH A HUMBLE PLACE?**
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- 7) **JESUS'S BIRTH MARKED THE FIRST _____**
- 8) **GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF WHEN YOU WERE HUMBLE AND HOW IT MADE YOU FEEL.**

