

The True Christmas Story

Over 2,000 years ago, a very special baby was born in a town called **Bethlehem**.

His birth place wasn't very nice: Imagine a smelly, dirty **stable** full of farm animals.

Nearby was a comfy Inn. But Mary and Joseph couldn't stay there because there was no room. **Mary was about to deliver the baby, and she needed to find a place very fast!** The stable it would be.



Mary and Joseph laid the new baby to rest in a **manger** – which is a feeding tray for farm animals. No clean white hospital for this little fellow, no fresh sheets, and no nurse or doctor nearby.



But this was no ordinary baby. His parents knew that. The shepherds in the fields nearby knew too. **The wise men from afar knew, because they saw a bright star over Bethlehem when He was born.** Even the animals in the stable must have sensed it – because animals can be pretty smart too.

Who was this little baby?
He was God's Son: Jesus Christ.

Jesus was the **most important baby** ever born. He would be the **Saviour** of all people who put their trust in Him. He would be **Master** over everything and everyone, and the **King of Heaven**.

But on His birthday, Jesus didn't even have a warm bed or a pillow to rest His royal head. **No King ever had such a simple birth.**

Before Jesus was born, an angel told his parents that He would be the Son of God. Mary and Joseph had been chosen by God to be Jesus' earthly parents.

Mary & Joseph were very fortunate to have been chosen for this wonderful blessing.



At the time, **King Herod** ruled the land. **Herod was jealous** of this special baby because the wise men told him they were going to find Jesus and worship Him. **Herod figured that if there was any worshiping to be done, it should be for himself,** not for this baby.

So Herod searched for Jesus to have Him killed. But an angel led Mary and Joseph to **hide Jesus,** and Herod never found him. God protected Jesus.



Jesus grew up to be a man. When He was still a young man, He was **murdered** on a horrible wooden **cross**.

But God knew all of this would happen – it was why God sent Jesus to earth.

Jesus' death was the only way to **save people** from unbearable **punishment** for the wrong things we all do.

Jesus never did anything wrong, but He was willing to die for us. He was – and still is – our Best Friend.

God then did a wonderful thing: He **raised Jesus** from the dead and brought Him to Heaven.



Jesus Christ now has great power !

Jesus decides where we go when we die – either to **Heaven** or to **Hell**.
People who believe in Jesus as their Saviour go to Heaven.

So the baby – who had no bed, no food, and no place to stay – now has everything.
Jesus will live forever! And so will we – *if* we belong to Him.

Jesus is the **greatest gift of Christmas**. Have you received that gift?
You can have it now if you wish. Just ask God...

*Dear God,
Thank you for sending Jesus to be my Saviour.
I'm sorry for the wrong things I've done, because I know how much
I've hurt you. But I believe that Jesus can make things right again.
Please Lord Jesus, I want to receive you as my Saviour and King.
Thank you, Amen.*

***You can read the true story of the birth of Jesus in the Bible.
See the Book of Matthew (Chapters 1 & 2)
and the Book of Luke (Chapter 2).***