

Week 14 Family Letter

God Has a Plan for Salvation: Jesus Is Born

(Luke 2:1-7)

Have your child imitate your actions as you read this Christmas poem.

Mary and Joseph walked one day (*Hold up one finger, then a second finger.*)

To Bethlehem, so far away. (*Have the fingers "walk" away.*)

They were tired at the end of day; (*Wipe your brow.*)

They looked to see where they could stay. (*Place your hand over your eyes as a visor.*)

They knocked and knocked upon each door, (*Pretend to knock.*)

But people said, "No room for more." (*Shake your head no.*)

In a barn where animals stay, (*Touch fingers above your head to make a roof.*)

They made a bed upon the hay. (*Rest your head on your hands.*)

Very early on Christmas morn (*Pretend to wake; stretch.*)

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, was born. (*Pretend to rock a baby.*)

Dear Family,

As your child colors in the outline of the stable, explain that it was a barn or house for farm animals. Jesus' first bed was a manger, a box filled with hay the sheep and cattle would eat. Though this family had little money, they had the best gifts of all—baby Jesus and God's love. Those gifts belong to us too. That's why we celebrate Christmas!

Read the story of baby Jesus from the Bible in Luke

2. Talk about God's care of baby Jesus through Mary and Joseph. Tell your child, "We love Jesus. We love you too."

Tonight as you tuck your child into bed, pray together, "Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus, the best Christmas gift of all. Amen." Read the story on page 283 of *The Story Bible* together.

Bible Words

For unto you is born . . . a
Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

