

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

About that time Emperor Augustus gave orders for the _____ of all the people to be listed in record books. Everyone had to go to their own _____ to be registered. _____ had to leave Nazareth and go to Bethlehem. Long ago _____ had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family.

_____ was engaged to Joseph and travelled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a _____, and while they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him on a bed of _____, because there was no room for them in the _____.

That night in the fields near Bethlehem some _____ were minding their sheep. All at once an _____ came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were _____. But the angel said, 'Don't be afraid! I have good _____ for you, which will make everyone _____. This very day in King David's hometown a _____ was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying on a bed of hay.'

Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in _____ God. They said: '_____ in the highest! Peace on earth to all God's people.'

After the angels had left and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, 'let's go to Bethlehem and _____ what the Lord has told us about.' They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying in a _____.

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THESE WORDS:

baby; manger; shepherds; Saviour; Joseph; Bethlehem; hay; Mary; praising; inn; angel; happy; frightened; news; Hosanna; see; names; hometown