

## The Christmas Story Luke 2:1-20

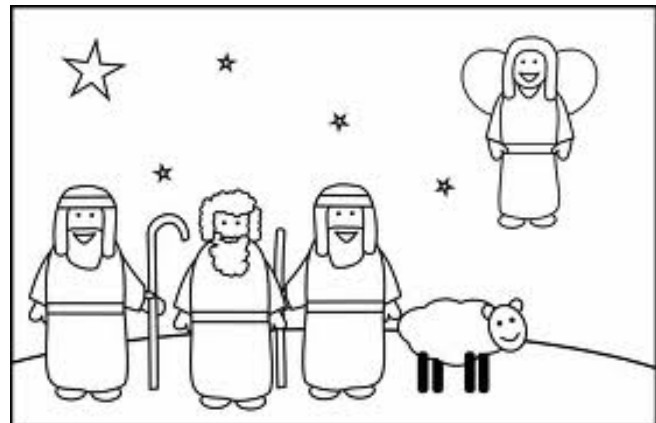
**This actually happened — in history (2:1-2)**

**Joseph and Mary are introduced (2:3-5)**



**Mary gave birth (2:6-7)**

**What happened to some shepherds (2:8-14)**



**What the shepherds did (2:15-20)**

**What this means for us**

Why this is good news of great joy —

- Jesus made God known to us
- Jesus was punished in our place for our sins
- Through Jesus we receive all God's promises



## **HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING**

*(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)*

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Which part of the Christmas story is most important to you? Why?

What difference does it make if the Christmas story actually happened in history — or was just a fairy tale?

Jesus' birth is good news of a great joy for all the people — which of the three reasons do you need to hear the most? Why?



What's your take-away from this message?  
What are you going to do differently? When?  
How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.



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