

An Emoji Christmas Story



Long ago, in the little town of Nazareth lived a young woman named Mary. She was looking forward to getting married to Joseph, a carpenter.



One day, an angel came to visit her. The angel told her that God had chosen her for something very special. She was going to have a baby, God's own son. She was to name him Jesus.



Joseph was very puzzled but he said he would take care of Mary and the baby.



The Emperor Caesar Augustus wanted to make a list of all the people living in the Roman world – so he knew who should be paying tax (money).



Mary and Joseph travelled all the way from their home in Nazareth to Bethlehem to be registered. Bethlehem was so busy. They couldn't find a room anywhere.



Finally an innkeeper let them stay in the stable at the back of his inn and this is where Jesus was born.



That night, in the fields near Bethlehem, some shepherds were watching their sheep. Suddenly an angel appeared to them and told them about the birth of this special baby.



They were so excited.... They rushed into town to see Jesus. They found him in a stable, lying in a manger, just as the angel had told them.



Later some wise men followed a new star and travelled a long way to come and worship Jesus. They brought him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



When King Herod found out that a new king had been born he was mad. He tried to trick the wise men into telling him where he would find the baby. God made sure that he didn't find out.



The Christmas story is all about love – God's love for us. Love shown when he gave us the best Christmas present ever – Jesus.