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Merry Christmas Kids!

This is the week we celebrate the birth of Jesus! Christmas is finally here!

Here's the story of how Jesus was born.

Mary loved a man named Joseph. They were going to get married. One day Joseph had to take a trip from his home in Nazareth to the city of Bethlehem. So Mary went with him.

The city of Bethlehem was crowded. Many people had come there. Joseph and Mary looked for a place to stay. But there was no room in any house. All the beds were full. People were even sleeping on the floors. So Joseph and Mary had to stay in a stable where the donkeys and horses stayed.

That night, the baby was born. It was God's baby son. Mary and Joseph named him Jesus, just as the angel, Gabriel, had told them to do. They wrapped him up so he would be warm. Mary made a soft bed for him in a manger. The baby Jesus slept there.

...Outside the town of Bethlehem, some sheep were sleeping. Shepherds were watching them. Suddenly an angel came to the shepherds. They were afraid. But the angel said, "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news. This is happy news for all the people: today in Bethlehem, God's son was born. You can go see him. He is wrapped warm and snug in a manger!"

Then many, many angels came from heaven. They praised God. "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth!"

Luke 2: 1-20
The Beginners Bible™



Christmas Fun

Unscramble these Christmas words.

LABGREI _____ EJSSU _____

YARM _____ POJHSE _____

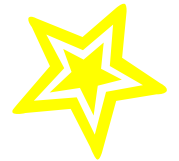
SRTA _____ LEGNA _____

SEWI MNE _____

GREMAN _____

HEBTMEEHL _____

DRSSPEHHE _____



Draw a line to match parts of the Christmas story.

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| 1. Nazareth | a. went to Bethlehem to be registered |
| 2. Gabriel | b. where Jesus was laid |
| 3. Bethlehem | c. the home of Joseph and Mary |
| 4. Star | d. town where Jesus was born |
| 5. Manger | e. went with Joseph to Bethlehem |
| 6. Mary | f. announced Jesus' birth to Mary |
| 7. Joseph | g. guided the Wise Men to Jesus |

Answers

1-c; 2-f; 3-d; 4-g; 5-b; 6-e; 7-a

Shepherds; Manger

Gabriel; Mary; Star; Wise Men; Bethlehem; Jesus; Joseph; Angel;