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God wanted to tell a girl named Mary some good news. When you tell someone good news, you might call on the telephone or write a letter. But God sent an angel to talk to Mary!

One day Mary was alone. She looked up. Standing right there beside her was an angel! Mary had never seen a real angel before. Mary was surprised to see the angel. She was afraid.

The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God loves you. He has chosen you to be the mother of a very special baby. You will name the baby Jesus. This special baby will be God's own Son!"

Mary was glad to hear this promise. She praised God.

Jesus is born.

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Mary was going to have a baby. An angel had come to tell Mary about this baby. Her baby would be special. He would be God's Son.

When it was time to have her baby, Mary and Joseph had to take a trip. They walked and walked for three days. Finally Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem. There were so many people that there weren't any rooms left in the inn. There wasn't anywhere else for them to stay.

Finally, Mary and Joseph found a place to stay. It wasn't a nice place. It probably wasn't even a clean place. It was a place for animals to stay! Mary's little baby was born there. Mary wrapped the little baby in some clean cloths and then she laid Him in a manger filled with clean straw. Mary and Joseph named this baby Jesus.

Shepherds come to greet Jesus.

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The nighttime sky was dark. Out on a hill, some men were sitting together. They were shepherds who were taking care of a flock of sheep. Suddenly, there was a very bright light in the nighttime sky. And right before their eyes they saw an angel! The shepherds were very frightened!

"Do not be afraid," the angel said to them. "I have good news for everyone! Tonight in the city of Bethlehem, Jesus, the Savior, is born! You will find the baby wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger."

Before the shepherds had a chance to say anything, the sky was filled with more and more angels. The angels praised God and said, "Glory to God in the highest!" The shepherds listened as the angels praised God for sending Jesus to be born.

When all the angels had left, the sky became quiet and dark once more. The shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem. We want to see this baby the angel told us about!" They hurried down the hillside and ran along the road to Bethlehem.

When they found the stable, they saw Mary and Joseph. They quietly came near to see the baby. There was baby Jesus lying in a manger, just as the angel had said.

The shepherds were so excited that they told everyone the good news as they went back to their sheep. "Jesus is born! Jesus is born in Bethlehem!" they said. The shepherds thanked God for sending His Son, Jesus.