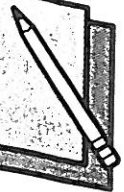




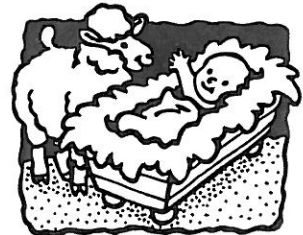
The First Christmas



Directions: Many people know the Christmas story from memory. It is a familiar and beautiful account about the birth of Jesus. Fill in the key words to complete the story found in Luke 2:1–14. *The New International Version* of the Bible is the one used here. If you use another version, the wording may be a little different.

In those days _____ issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own _____ to register.

So _____ also went up from the town of _____ in Galilee to Judea, to _____ the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with _____, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the _____.



And there were _____ living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the _____ appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were _____. But the _____ said to them, "Do not be _____. I bring you _____ of great _____ that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a _____ has been born to you; he is _____ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a _____ wrapped in cloths and lying in a _____."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "_____ to God in the highest, and on earth _____ to men on whom his favor rests."