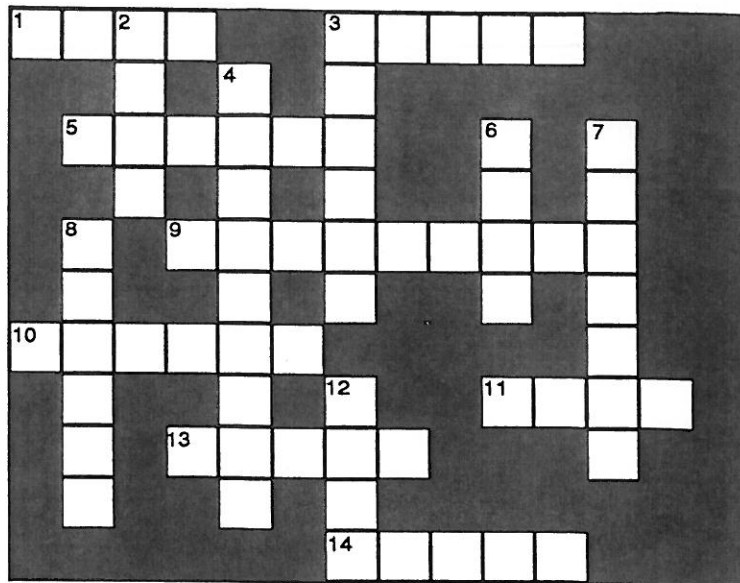


When Jesus Came

Matthew 2; Luke 2

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," said the angels as they announced Jesus' birth to the shepherds.

Read the story about Jesus' special birth and how God took care of Him. As you read, fill in the blanks with the correct words. If you need help, you can look up the Bible verses at the end of each paragraph. Then use the words you've written in the blanks to fill in the crossword puzzle.



When the angel came to the shepherds, the angel said, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a _____ (10 across)." (Luke 2:10-12)

After the _____ (5 across) went away, the _____ (9 across) said to each other, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to visit Baby Jesus. (Luke 2:15-16)

A few days later, when Jesus was eight days old, Mary and Joseph took Baby Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. In the temple, an elderly lady named _____ (2 down), gave thanks for Jesus. (Luke 2:21-38)

Later, Jesus had other visitors who were happy He was born, but the king was very upset. The Bible says, "Now when _____ (3 across) was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of _____ (13 across) the king, behold, there came _____ (7 down) from the east to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His _____ (1 across) in the east, and are come to

worship Him.'" (Matthew 2:1-2)

King Herod was very interested in the wise men's question, so he sent them to _____ (4 down) and said, "Go and _____ (8 down) diligently for the young child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also." But King Herod really planned to kill Baby Jesus. (Matthew 2:8)

The wise men followed the star to the house where Mary and Joseph and Jesus were living. The Bible says, "They saw the young child with _____ (6 down) His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; _____ (12 down), and frankincense, and myrrh." God told the wise men in a dream that they should not return to King Herod, and they went home another way. (Matthew 2:9-12)

Then an angel appeared to _____ (3 down) in a _____ (14 across), and said, "Arise, and take the young child and His mother, and _____ (11 across) into Egypt, . . . for Herod will seek the young child to destroy Him." Joseph and Mary and Baby Jesus left at night and went to Egypt to live until King Herod died. This is the way God protected His Son from a cruel and wicked king. (Matthew 2:13-15)