

WHAT THE CHRISTMAS STORY CAN TEACH YOU

The birth of Jesus Christ, one of the most miraculous events in history, took place in a humble stable. A few people saw angels and guiding stars, but most were unaware of it or saw it as just another baby's birth. As you study these events, you can come to know for yourself that this baby wrapped in swaddling clothes was and is the Son of God, our Savior.



THE CHRISTMAS STORY

"The story of Christmas is a story of love. We heard the story first before the world was created. Heavenly Father told us of His plan of happiness for all of us, His beloved children. . . .

"Many have told since of the glorious time in that story when the Christ child is born to rescue and lead us home. . . .

"In the stories of Christ's birth, we can see and feel who He was and who He is. That lightens our load along the way. And it will lead us to forget ourselves and to lighten the load for others."

President Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency, "Christmas Stories," 2009 Christmas Devotional, [lds.org/broadcasts](https://www.lds.org/broadcasts).



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**GOD'S
PROPHETS
FORETELL
SACRED
EVENTS.**



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2.
"And he shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things from the beginning; and his mother shall be called Mary. And lo, he cometh unto his own, that salvation might come unto the children of men even through faith on his name" (Mosiah 3:8-9).



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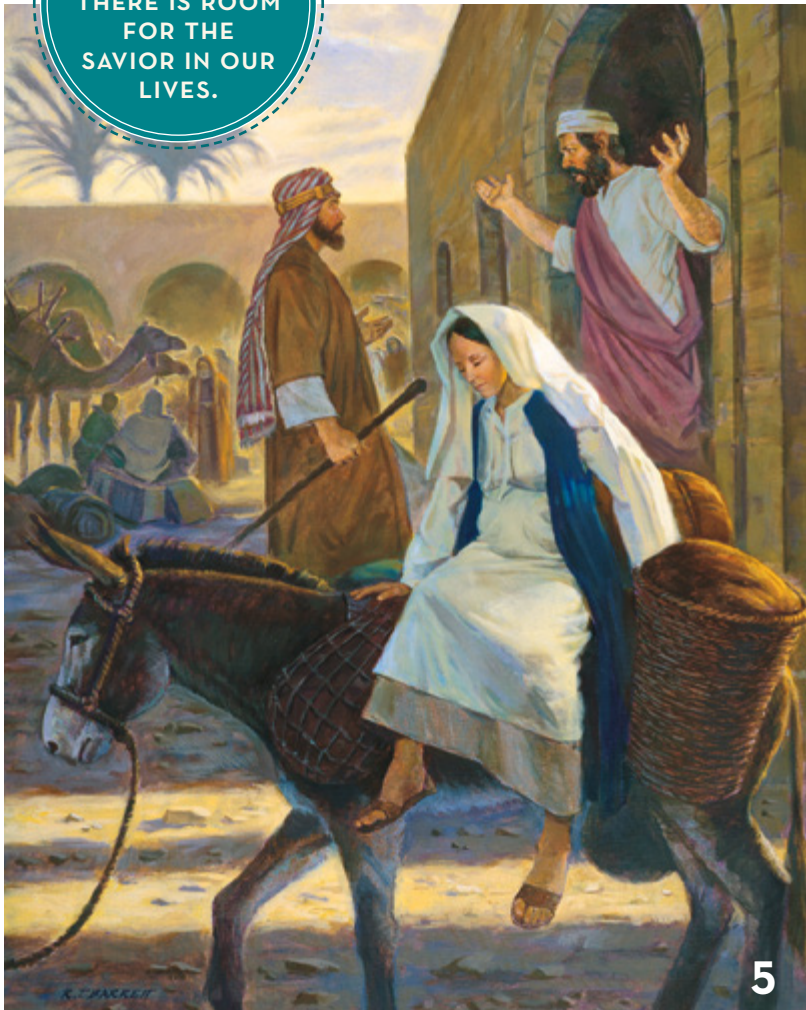
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"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel!" (Isaiah 7:14).

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"There shall be one day and a night and a day, as if it were one day and there were no night; and this shall be unto you for a sign;..."

"And behold, there shall a new star arise, such an one as ye never have beheld; and this also shall be a sign unto you" (Helaman 14:4-5).

How does it make you feel to know that God reveals important sacred events to His prophets, including those yet to come, such as the Second Coming of the Savior?

EACH
OF US MUST
DECIDE IF
THERE IS ROOM
FOR THE
SAVIOR IN OUR
LIVES.



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5. *“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inns” (Joseph Smith Translation, Luke 2:7 [in Luke 2:7, footnote b]).*

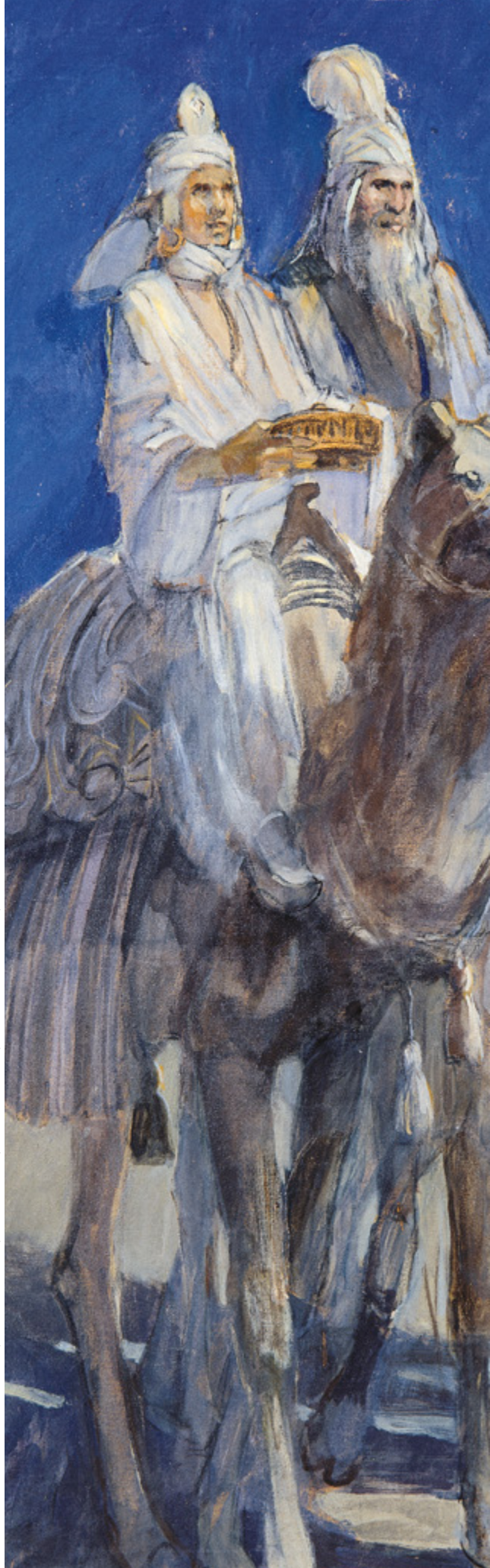
How do you make room for the Savior?



NOWHERE TO LAY HIS HEAD

“The loneliness of his birth was to be, in a sense, duplicated in the loneliness of his death. Foxes had holes and birds had nests, but the Son of Man had nowhere to lay his head either in his nativity or in his last hours of mortality.”

President Howard W. Hunter (1907-1995), “Christ, Our Passover,” *Ensign*, May 1985, 18.



5. NO ROOM AT THE INN, BY ROBERT T. BARRETT; 6. THREE WISE MEN, BY MINERVA TEICHERT; 7. BOOK OF MORMON STORIES, BY JERRY THOMPSON



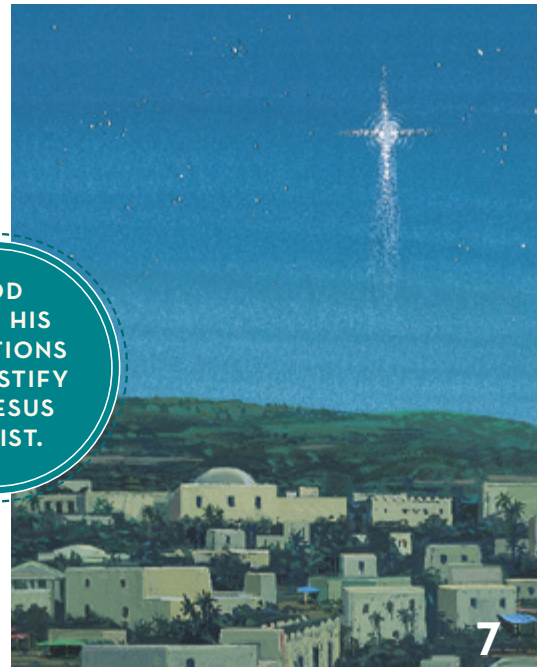
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"The star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was" (Matthew 2:9).

Read Moses 6:63.

What are ways in which you have noticed that all things bear witness of Jesus Christ?

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CHRIST.**



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FAITHFUL
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A WITNESS
OF JESUS
CHRIST.

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8. *The Holy Ghost bore witness to Simeon and Anna that the baby Jesus was the Christ who would bring redemption to the world (see Luke 2:26, 38).*

How can you prepare your heart to receive a witness of Jesus Christ?

GOD
WANTS ALL
OF HIS CHILDREN,
FROM LOWLY
SHEPHERDS TO
NOBLE WISE MEN,
TO LEARN ABOUT
JESUS CHRIST.

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BORN IN A STABLE

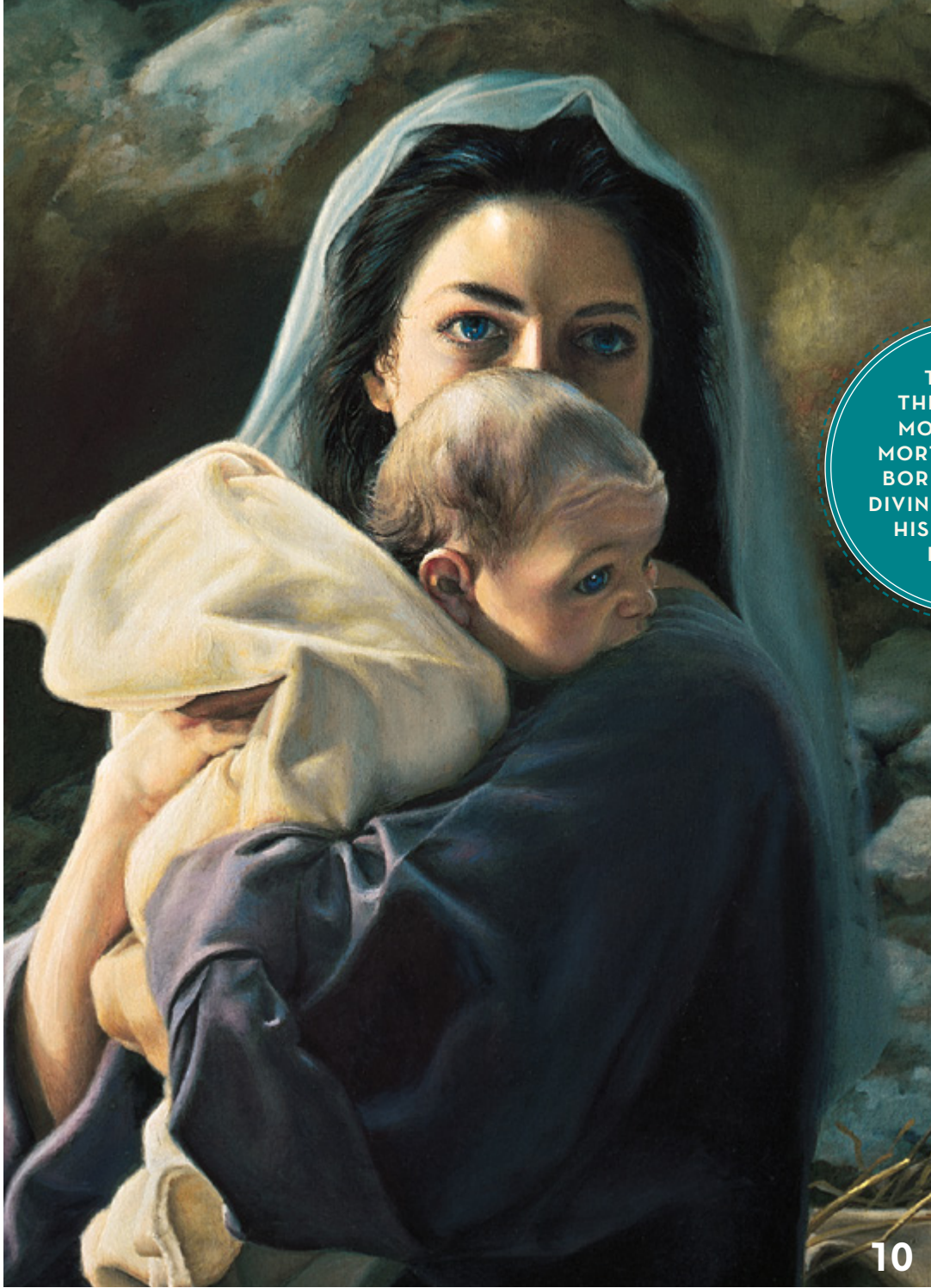
“Born in a stable, cradled in a manger, [the Savior] came forth from heaven to live on earth as a mortal man and to establish the kingdom of God. . . . His glorious gospel reshaped the thinking of the world.”

President Thomas S. Monson, “The Real Joy of Christmas,” 2013 Christmas Devotional, lds.org/broadcasts.

9. *“He inviteth . . . all to come unto him and partake of his goodness; and he denieth none that come unto him, black and white, bond and free, male and female; and he remembereth the heathen; and all are alike unto God, both Jew and Gentile” (2 Nephi 26:33).*

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THOUGH THE SAVIOR'S MOTHER WAS MORTAL, HE WAS BORN WITH THE DIVINE NATURE OF HIS HEAVENLY FATHER.

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"Our Savior was a God before he was born into this world, and he brought with him that same status when he came here. He was as much a God when he was born into the world as he was before. But as far as this life is concerned it appears that he had to start just as all other children do and gain his knowledge line upon line" (President Joseph Fielding Smith [1876-1972], *Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Fielding Smith* [2013], 314).

Read Alma 7:10-13. How does knowing that Jesus Christ was born with mortal and divine attributes help you draw closer to Him as you study His Atonement?



MORTAL AND DIVINE

"He was the one perfect man to walk the earth. . . . His mother was mortal, and from her came an inheritance of the flesh. His Father was immortal, the Great God of the Universe, through whom came His divine nature."

President Gordon B. Hinckley (1910-2008), "At the Summit of Ages," *Ensign*, Nov. 1999, 73.