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CHAPTER 5

# Jesus Christ Is Born



**T**he Roman emperor made a law that everyone must pay taxes. Joseph and Mary lived in Nazareth. They had to go 65 miles (105 km) to Bethlehem to pay their taxes.

*Luke 2:1-5*



It was not easy for Mary to travel to Bethlehem. Her baby would soon be born.

*Luke 2:4-5*



When Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem, all the rooms were filled with people. Mary and Joseph had to stay in a stable. A stable is a place where animals are kept.

*Luke 2:6-7*



There the baby was born. Mary wrapped Him in cloth and laid Him in a manger. Joseph and Mary named the baby Jesus.

*Luke 2:7, 21*



On the night Jesus was born, shepherds were taking care of their sheep in the fields near Bethlehem. An angel came to them. The shepherds were afraid.

*Luke 2:8-9*



The angel told them not to be afraid. He had wonderful news: The Savior, Jesus Christ, was born in Bethlehem. They would find Him lying in a manger.

*Luke 2:10-12*



The shepherds went to Bethlehem, where they saw the baby Jesus.

*Luke 2:15-16*



The shepherds were happy to see the Savior. They told other people about all they had heard and seen.

*Luke 2:17, 20*