



The Birth of Jesus

When Mary was about to give birth to her Son, Joseph, her husband, took her on a long trip to the city of Bethlehem. Joseph kept them safe as they made their way along the hard roads.

The Roman emperor, who was the ruler of Judea in those days, decreed that there would be a count of all his people, and all were to return to the city where they had been born.

When they reached their destination, Mary was very tired. Joseph searched for a place where they could stay and rest.

Mary and Joseph had to take their donkey and stay in a stable outside of the city. There the oxen quietly ate their hay. It was in that place that the Baby Jesus, the Savior of the world, was born. He was warmed by the breath of the oxen and the donkey.

In that place there were many shepherds who watched over their flocks by night.

