

THE CHRISTMAS STORY ADVENT CALENDAR PRINTABLE

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A LONG TIME AGO, A GIRL CALLED MARY LIVED IN A TOWN CALLED NAZARETH. SHE LOVED A MAN CALLED JOSEPH AND THEY WERE GOING TO GET MARRIED ONE DAY.



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THEN ONE MORNING, AN ANGEL CAME TO SEE MARY. SHE WAS VERY FRIGHTENED AT FIRST, BUT THE ANGEL TOLD HER NOT TO BE AFRAID BECAUSE THERE WAS SOME GOOD NEWS TO TELL HER.



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THE ANGEL TOLD MARY THAT SHE WAS GOING TO HAVE A BABY BOY AND THAT SHE SHOULD CALL HIM JESUS. THE BABY WOULD BE GOD'S SON AND HE WOULD CHANGE THE WORLD.



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MARY WAS VERY SCARED, BUT SHE WAS ALSO VERY BRAVE. SHE TOLD JOSEPH THAT SHE WAS GOING TO HAVE A BABY BOY, AND THAT HE WOULD BELONG TO GOD.



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JOSEPH WAS CONFUSED AT FIRST, BUT THEN AN ANGEL VISITED HIM, TOO, AND TOLD HIM THAT HE SHOULD MARRY MARY AND LOOK AFTER HER AND HER NEW BABY.



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WHILE MARY HAD THE BABY JESUS IN HER TUMMY, MARY AND JOSEPH HAD TO GO ON A LONG, LONG JOURNEY. THEY HAD TO TRAVEL TO A TOWN CALLED BETHLEHEM.



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BETHLEHEM WAS A VERY BUSY PLACE. WHEN MARY AND JOSEPH ARRIVED, THERE WAS NOWHERE FOR THEM TO STAY.



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MARY AND JOSEPH SEARCHED AND SEARCHED FOR SOMEWHERE TO SLEEP. AT LAST, AN INNKEEPER FELT SORRY FOR THEM AND HE LET THEM SLEEP IN HIS STABLE WITH THE ANIMALS.



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MARY'S BABY WAS BORN IN THE STABLE. SHE WRAPPED HIM UP WARM AND USED THE ANIMALS' FOOD BOX AS A COT. SHE WAS VERY, VERY HAPPY.



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ON THE HILLS OUTSIDE BETHLEHEM, SOME SHEPHERDS WERE LOOKING AFTER THEIR SHEEP. SUDDENLY, THE NIGHT SKY FILLED WITH LIGHT.



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ABOVE THEIR HEADS, THE SHEPHERDS SAW MANY ANGELS IN THE SKY. THEY WERE SINGING A SONG ABOUT THE BABY JESUS AND THEY TOLD THE SHEPHERDS WHERE TO FIND HIM.



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THE SHEPHERDS RAN DOWN THE HILL TO BETHLEHEM AND THEY FOUND THE STABLE. THEY SAW THE BABY JESUS AND THEY WERE VERY HAPPY.



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SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT THE YOUNGEST SHEPHERD BOY WANTED TO GIVE THE BABY A PRESENT, BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY. SO, HE GAVE JESUS A LAMB BECAUSE THAT WAS ALL HE HAD.



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FAR, FAR AWAY FROM BETHLEHEM, THERE LIVED THREE WISE MEN. THEY KNEW A LOT ABOUT THE STARS. ONE DAY, THEY SAW A NEW STAR IN THE SKY.



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THE WISE MEN BELIEVED THAT THE STAR APPEARED BECAUSE A NEW KING HAD BEEN BORN. THEY DECIDED TO FOLLOW THE STAR AND FIND THE NEW KING.



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THE WISE MEN PACKED EXPENSIVE PRESENTS FOR THE NEW KING - GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH - AND THEY SET OFF TO FIND HIM.



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ON THE WAY, THE WISE MEN STOPPED TO REST AT KING HEROD'S PALACE. KING HEROD PRETENDED TO BE EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW BABY KING, BUT HE WASN'T.



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HEROD TOLD THE WISE MEN THAT, WHEN THEY FOUND THE BABY KING, THEY SHOULD TELL HIM WHERE HE WAS, SO THAT HE COULD TAKE HIM A PRESENT, TOO.



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THE WISE MEN UNDERSTOOD THAT KING HEROD WASN'T REALLY PLEASED ABOUT THE BABY KING, HOWEVER, AND THAT HE MIGHT EVEN TRY TO HURT HIM, SO THEY NEVER TOLD HEROD WHERE JESUS WAS.



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THE WISE MEN FOUND MARY AND JOSEPH AND JESUS. EVEN THOUGH HE WAS ONLY A BABY, AND EVEN THOUGH HE WAS BORN IN A STABLE, THEY KNEW HE WAS SPECIAL.



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THE WISE MEN KNELT BEFORE THE BABY JESUS AND THEY GAVE HIM THEIR SPECIAL GIFTS.



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AT CHRISTMAS, WE REMEMBER THE SHEPHERDS AND THE WISE MEN BECAUSE THEY REMIND US THAT GOD LOVES EVERYBODY - RICH AND POOR.



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WE REMEMBER THAT JESUS WAS BORN IN A STABLE BECAUSE IT REMINDS US THAT GOD UNDERSTANDS HOW ORDINARY PEOPLE LIVE - OUR HAPPINESS, OUR STRUGGLES AND OUR SORROWS.



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AT CHRISTMAS, WE REMEMBER THAT GOD LOVES US AND THAT WE SHOULD SHARE THAT LOVE WITH EVERYONE WE MEET ALL YEAR LONG. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

