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**The Roman Emperor wanted to count all the people in his empire, so everyone had to travel to their home town to be registered. Joseph was engaged to Mary and she was expecting a baby. They set out from Nazareth, in Galilee, to travel to Bethlehem.**

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**After a long journey, Mary and Joseph finally reached Bethlehem. While they were staying there, their baby was born.**

**3**

**Mary gave birth to her first-born son. She wrapped him up tightly and laid him in a manger. They had to sleep in a stable because there was no room at the inn.**

**4**

**In the countryside nearby, shepherds were watching over their sheep.**

**5**

**An angel appeared to the shepherds and God's glory shone around them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Don't be afraid. I bring you joyful news. Today, a Saviour has been born. You will find him lying in a manger. Suddenly angels filled the sky singing, 'Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.'**

**6**

**The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem. They found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.**

**7**

**Everyone was amazed by what the shepherds told them. Mary thought deeply about what had happened and treasured it all in her heart.**

**8**

**Some wise men came from the East, following a star. They travelled to Bethlehem, looking for the child born to be king. Eventually, the star stopped over a house. They went in joyfully and found Jesus and Mary. They knelt and worshipped him, and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.**