

THE INFANCY NARRATIVE OF ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL

See how much you know about the Christmas story

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THE GOSPEL OF LUKE begins with a prologue verifying that what has been written is in an orderly sequence, giving you confidence in the accuracy of the information.

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the list at the left. On each line in the story, a number is given. Numbers match the beginning letter of the answer in the alphabet: 1=A, 2=B, 3=C, and so on.

WORD BANK

- 1) ANGELS
- 2) BETHLEHEM
- 3) CENSUS
- 4) DONKEY
- 5) ELIZABETH
- 6) FLOCK
- 7) GABRIEL
- 8) HEROD
- 9) INFANT
- 10) JOHN
- 11) KING
- 12) LUKE
- 13) MANGER
- 14) NAZARETH
- 15) OBEDIENT
- 16) PRETENDED
- 17) QUIET
- 18) ROOM
- 19) SAVIOR
- 20) TRAVELED
- 21) UNABLE
- 22) VISITATION
- 23) WISE MEN
- 24) EXCELSIS
- 25) YES
- 26) ZECHARIAH



In the Gospel of _____ (12), the Angel _____ (7) announced to _____ (26) that his wife, _____ (5) will have a baby. The angel also said that the baby's name was to be _____ (10). (When grown, Jesus' cousin would live as a hermit and baptize disciples in the River Jordan. John the Baptist would

tell people, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord," and "Stay awake; be ready.")

Several months later, a young girl named Mary would receive a visit from the Angel Gabriel in _____ (14). She was _____ (15) to God and said, "_____ (25)" when she was asked to be the Mother of God.

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Mary took a trip to visit her cousin Elizabeth. As Mary arrived, Elizabeth cried out with a greeting we use at the beginning of the Hail Mary prayer. This visit is also recounted in the Joyful Mystery of the Rosary and called the _____(22).

Mary and Joseph traveled to _____(2) to be counted in the _____(3). When they arrived, there was no _____(18) in the

inn. It was almost time for Mary to have the baby. They were allowed to stay in the stable. The _____(1) sang Gloria in _____(24) Deo in the _____(17) night sky. After the angels returned to heaven, shepherds tending their _____(6) decided to see for themselves what had happened in Bethlehem.

The three wisemen _____(20) following the star. They visited _____(11) _____(8). He _____(16) that he wanted to honor the baby, too. He asked the three kings to return and tell him where the baby was so he, too, could pay homage. The three kings found Jesus in the stable, lying in a manger, surrounded in simple beauty by Mary and



Joseph and their _____(4). They gave them gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. As they slept before making the journey home, they had a dream warning them of danger from Herod. They were _____(21) to return to their country the same way. The Holy Family fled to Egypt to protect the newborn _____(19).