SUNDAY GOSPEL STORIES

Good News in the Night

NATIVITY OF THE LORD · NIGHT



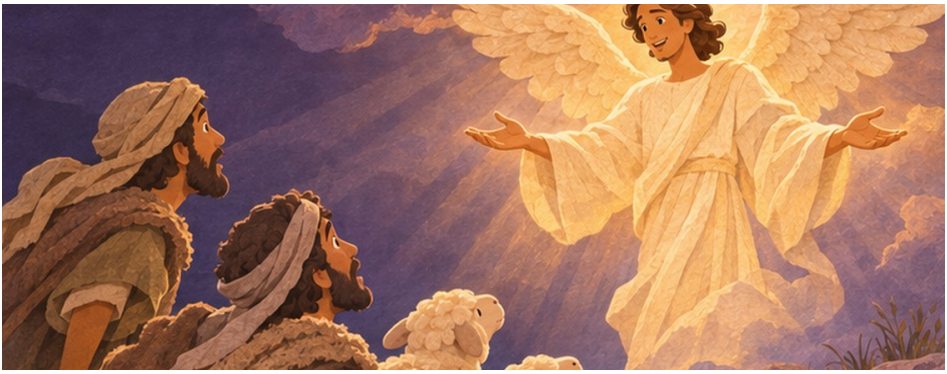
Friday 25 December 2026

Luke 2:1-14

A FAMILY BOOKLET

READ TOGETHER

The Gospel story



The Roman emperor ordered people to register. Joseph went to Bethlehem, King David's town, because he belonged to David's family. Mary, who was expecting a baby, travelled with him.

While they were in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Jesus. She wrapped him snugly in cloth. There was no room for them where travellers usually stayed, so she laid him in a manger, a place where animals are fed.

Out in the fields that night, shepherds were watching their sheep. An angel appeared and God's bright glory surrounded them. They were frightened, but the angel brought joyful news for everyone. The Saviour had been born, and they would know him by the little feeding trough where he lay.

Suddenly many angels filled the sky. They praised God and spoke of peace on earth.

An original retelling of Luke 2:1-14

Draw or write

Who would you tell this good news to?

Draw the shepherds looking up. In the sky, write or draw one thing you would like to tell them about Jesus.

AT HOME

Talk and pray

SAY TOGETHER

Jesus, thank you for coming close to us as a baby. Give us your joy and help us bring peace to our home. Amen.



WONDER TOGETHER

Why might the shepherds have found the angel's sign surprising?

TRY ONE THING

Invite someone in your family to share one good thing from their day. Listen and give thanks for it together.

Liturgy Office calendar

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