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A young woman named Mary was all alone in her house. Suddenly she saw an angel right in front of her! "Do not be afraid, Mary," the angel said. "God loves you very much. You will be the mother of a special baby boy. Name the baby Jesus. This baby will grow up to be very great, for He will be God's Son." The angel also came to Joseph, the man Mary was going to marry. The angel told Joseph about the baby.

When it was almost time for the baby to be born, Joseph and Mary had to go to Bethlehem. It was a long way! When Joseph and Mary arrived in the city, they found it crowded with people! The streets were busy and the places to stay were all full.

Finally, Joseph knocked on the door of an inn. He asked the man who opened the door if they could stay there. "No," said the innkeeper. "There is no room in my inn. All I have is a place in the stable with the animals. You may stay there." And that was where Mary and Joseph stayed.

While they were there, God's wonderful promise came true. Mary's very special baby boy was born! They called the baby Jesus. Mary wrapped baby Jesus in the soft cloth she had brought. Then she gently laid Him in the manger on clean hay. Joseph stayed nearby to help Mary take care of the baby. Mary and Joseph were glad Jesus was born.