

# Left Right Nativity Story

Long ago in the town of Nazareth, Mary received a visit from an angel who told her that she was chosen to be the mother of Jesus. Mary left her home and went right to tell Joseph the news. Joseph was amazed and knew they had to prepare for this holy event.

Soon, a decree went out that everyone had to be counted in their hometowns, so Mary and Joseph left Nazareth and headed right to Bethlehem. The journey was long, and they took the right path through the hills and valleys. Along the way, Mary felt the baby move and knew it was almost the right time for Jesus to be born.

When they arrived in Bethlehem, they looked left and right for a place to stay, but every inn was full. Finally, an innkeeper took pity on them and offered his stable. Mary and Joseph left the bustling streets and went right to the quiet stable. There, among the animals, Mary gave birth to Jesus and laid him in a manger.

That night, out in the fields, shepherds were watching their flocks. Suddenly, an angel appeared to the right of them, and they were terrified. "Do not be afraid," the angel said. "I bring you good news of great joy. A Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. You will find him wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." The shepherds left their sheep and went right to Bethlehem, eager to see this miraculous child.

As they arrived, they saw the bright star that had led them right to the stable. They left no stone unturned and they found Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus, just as the angel had said. The angel was right! The shepherds knelt down, left their gifts, and praised God for what they had seen. Then they left.

Far in the east, wise men had also seen the star shining brightly in the right of the sky. They knew it was a sign of a great king's birth - and they were right! They left their homeland and traveled right toward the star, bringing precious gifts with them. They journeyed day and night, looking left and right for signs that they were on the right path.

When they arrived in Bethlehem, the wise men found the place where baby Jesus was. They entered and saw the child with his mother, Mary. Joseph was to the right and the stable animals to the left. The wise men knelt down and worshiped him, offering gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They left their gifts for the baby and then they left the stable, filled with joy and wonder at the sight of the newborn king.

And so, the story of Jesus' birth spread far and wide, left and right, bringing hope and joy to all who heard it. It left such a lasting impression that we still celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, to this day.