



Worship Illustration: Storybook
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Kings & Kingdoms: Advent of the King
Unit 10, Lesson 50

Jesus Was Born

Advent 3: Birthplace of the King
Luke 2:1-7

Pops and Ranger Ryan worked together to pile wood onto the small fire pit they had carved out in the dirt near the barn. Ranger Ryan had invited everyone to meet there to roast marshmallows and hear a story.

"I think this should be enough," Pops said, dusting off his hands. "And, just in time, here comes Granny B with the marshmallows."

"Yes, I think I hear Delbert and Lello in the barn," Ranger Ryan said, smiling as he turned to watch the barn door open and his two friends run out.

"Ranger Ryan! We're here, we're here," Delbert called.

"Baa, don't start without us," Lello chimed in.

Ranger Ryan laughed. Everyone sat down around the fire pit and Pops started the fire. Granny B passed out marshmallows. Delbert and Lello talked about the stories Ranger Ryan had told them so far.

"Haw! We can't wait to hear tonight's story. Last time, you told us Joseph got to name the baby Jesus," Delbert said.

"And before that we learned the angel told Mary baby Jesus would be King," Lello added, as she snuggled up to Granny B.

"That's right. Tonight, I am going to tell you about when baby Jesus was born," Ranger Ryan remarked.

Everyone quieted down and turned toward Ranger Ryan, ready to hear this special story.

"Let's begin. You see, Joseph and Mary traveled a long way to get to Bethlehem. It was a difficult journey because Mary was going to have her baby very soon," Ranger Ryan started.

"How did they get there? By plane?" Delbert curiously asked.

Granny B smiled and explained, "No, Delbert. In those days I guess Joseph might have walked and Mary may have ridden a donkey."

Delbert's eyes grew wide. "Haw! Like me! What else? What else?"

Ranger Ryan continued, "When they reached Bethlehem, it was time for Mary to have her baby, but they couldn't find a place to stay."

"Baa. What about a hotel?" Lello asked quietly.

Pops shook his head and explained there was no room for them in the inn.

"Oh dear, what happened?" Lello asked.

"Well," Ranger Ryan shared, "when Jesus was born, Mary wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger."

"Baa! We know what a manger is ..." Lello spoke up quietly.

"Haw, yeah! It's the food box where horses and donkeys like me eat," Delbert shared.

Ranger Ryan nodded. "That's right, you two. King Jesus deserved a perfect nursery in a castle, but instead He was born in a manger."

Delbert and Lello thanked Ranger Ryan for the story. Then, they asked Granny B for a few more marshmallows. Together, they imagined what it would have been like to be a baby in a manger.