

A Visit to Baby Jesus

1. Child's Name _____

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Of all the holidays, _____ Child's name _____ age age, of [child's city/state] liked Christmas the best. [3 Friends or Relatives] exchanged presents with [child's name] and told Christmas stories about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

The star on top of the Christmas tree reminded [child's name] of the one that guided the three Wise Men to the Christ Child.

Gazing at the manger scene near the Christmas tree, [child's name] thought about following the star with the three Wise Men. Suddenly, a voice called [his/her] name.

'[child's name], come with us and follow the star!' said one of the Wise Men. 'You may ride with our caravan on this little donkey.'

[child's name] quickly dressed in traveling clothes and joined the caravan. After riding a long way, they arrived in Jerusalem. King Herod commanded his servants to bring them to the palace.

The Wise Men told Herod they were following the bright star to find Baby Jesus.

The king said, 'When you find the Child, return and tell me where He lives so I may also worship him.'

[child's name] remembered [3 Friends or Relatives] saying that Herod was afraid Jesus would one day be king, and that Herod really planned to destroy Baby Jesus.

'I must tell the Wise Men about what Herod intends to do,' [child's name] thought.

After the caravan left the palace, [he/she] explained Herod's evil plan to the Wise Men.

'That scoundrel!' In that case we won't tell anyone where to find the Child,' said one Wise Man.

'Jesus will be safe, thanks to [child's name],' said another.

The caravan continued its long journey. The bright star guided the travelers like a beacon of light.

'[3 Friends or Relatives] would enjoy this wonderful journey,' thought [child's name].

Finally, the bright ray of light pointed to the small town of Bethlehem. Sheep, horses and cows silently welcomed the caravan.

Joseph opened the door and invited the travelers inside.

'Welcome, [child's name]. You have journeyed from a distant land,' said Joseph.

The Wise Men entered and bowed low before Mary and Baby Jesus. They presented costly gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. [child's name] crept close to Jesus and His mother, Mary.

Jesus was making little baby sounds while his mother hummed a lullaby.

'I wish [3 Friends or Relatives] were here to feel God's love,' [child's name] said.

Mary smiled at [child's name] and said, 'You can always feel God's love if you keep Him close to your heart.'

The glow of light around the Holy Family became soft and Golden. Jesus slept soundly in his mother's arms. [child's name] also felt sleepy.

Finally, a Wise Man gently lifted [child's name] onto the little donkey that waited in the Bethlehem night. [He/She] quickly fell to sleep during the long ride home.

The Wise Man whispered, 'Farewell child. We have brought you home to [child's city/state].'

[child's name] could see that the manger scene near the Christmas tree had changed. The three Wise Men had presented

their costly gifts, and the little donkey stood nearby. But Baby Jesus was no longer just lying in the manger.

Now, [child's name] held Jesus close to [his/her] heart.