



The Ruler of the land, Caesar, decided he wanted to count everybody in his kingdom. He ordered everyone to go back to their grandfather's house so each family could be counted. Joseph belonged to King David's family in the town of Bethlehem. So Joseph took Mary on a long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

There was no room in the inn for Joseph and Mary to stay so they stayed in the stable. That night something WONDERFUL happened in that stable in Bethlehem... BABY JESUS WAS BORN!

Mary did not have beautiful baby clothes for JESUS, so she wrapped Him in strips of cloth. She did not have a beautiful crib to lay Him in, so she laid Him in a bed of hay.

