

The Nativity

Left Right Story

"Mary and Joseph **left** Nazareth in Galilee and turned **left** onto the road going to Bethlehem the town of David. They had to travel to Joseph's ancestral town to be counted in the census. Mary rode upon a donkey while Joseph walked along on the **left** side of the donkey, holding the reins in his **right** hand.

"On the night Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph traveled a long way before they found the **right** place in Bethlehem. But at first, every innkeeper told them there was no room **left**.

Finally, one kind man said, "I don't have any rooms **left**, but you may stay in the stable." Mary and Joseph knew it was the **right** choice, and they thanked God for guiding them.

That night, baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Him up tight and laid Him in a manger. Angels appeared to shepherds who were watching over their sheep on the **right** hillside. The shepherds were afraid, but the angel said, "Do not be afraid, for I bring good news! A Savior has been born!" That was the moment when everything felt just **right**.

The shepherds **left** their sheep and hurried to see the baby. The shepherds rarely **left** their flocks, but they knew this was a very special event. They found Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, just as the angel had said. They knew they had come to the **right** place. They praised God and told everyone they met what had happened, so no one was **left** without the good news.

Far away in the East, wise men saw a bright star. They knew it would lead them to the **right** King. They packed their gifts and **left**, traveling day and night. They never turned **left** or **right**, but kept following the star until it stopped in just the **right** spot over Bethlehem.

The wise men bowed before Jesus and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Their journey had been long, but their hearts were full. They knew they had found the **right** King, the Savior of the world.

And that is the story of Christmas: God's love came down in Jesus, born in Bethlehem, so that no one is **left** out of His love.

That's the greatest gift of all—then and now, and for all who choose the **right** path."

