

You can
colour the pictures
then cut them out
and hang them
as Christmas decorations.

**It all happened
one night,
2,000 years ago . . .**

. . . in the fields near Bethlehem
some shepherds were guarding their
sheep.



All at once an angel came down to
them from the Lord, and the
brightness of the Lord's glory flashed
around them. The shepherds were
frightened.

But the angel said, "Don't be afraid!
I have good news for you, which will
make everyone happy. This very day in
King David's hometown a Saviour was
born for you. He is Christ the Lord.



"You will know who he is, because
you will find him dressed in baby
clothes and lying in a feed box."

Suddenly many other angels came
down from heaven and joined in
praising God. They said:



"Praise God in heaven!
Peace on earth to everyone
who pleases God."



After the angels had left and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about."

They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying in the feed box. When the shepherds saw Jesus, they told his parents what the angel had said about him. Everyone listened and was surprised.

Luke 2:8-18



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