



A Christmas Laugh and Learn From Mr. Dan



The Learn

Enjoy the Christmas story with vocabulary practice

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a _____ should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) All returned to their own _____ to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, his _____ who was now obviously pregnant.

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him _____ in strips of cloth and laid him in a _____, because there was no room for them in the inn.

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the _____ of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel _____ them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a _____ of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace to all men and women on earth who please him." When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to _____! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were _____, but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the _____ had told them.

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astonished, amazed, surprised, astounded,

vast host, a very large number of them

census, a list of all people in a country

Bethlehem, the town where Jesus was born

radiance, seen as light, glowing, warm, full of life and beauty

angel, a heavenly being created by God to serve Him and us

snugly, warm and tight

fiancée, a woman engaged to be married.

ancestral towns, Town where your great grandparents lived and their grandparents too

reassured, help someone be at peace, at ease, without worry, fear or anxiety

manger, it holds hay and feed for sheep and cows

[Luke 2, the Bible]



The Links

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwOCmJyCZk> Christmas light show with Jingle Bells song

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnK66YTnv2M> Famous American Christmas story

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxMe9ulHt1o&NR=1> Funny story- 3 pigs, the big bad wolf and Santa

The Laugh



A Christmas Gift

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. After hearing about this expensive gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles."
"She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

At Grandma's

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs.

"I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE...I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO...I PRAY FOR A NEW MP3 PLAYER..."

His older brother leaned over and asked, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf."
To which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is!"

At the Mall with Santa

The Santa Claus at the mall was surprised when a beautiful young lady about twenty years old walked up and sat on his lap but Santa quickly recovered, and started talking to the college-type.

"And what do you want for Christmas?" asked Santa. "Something for my mother," said the young lady.
"For your mother? Well, that's very thoughtful," smiled Santa. "What can I get her?"
The girl smiled and said: "I'd like for her to get a son-in-law "

Words in proper order: census, ancestral towns, fiancée, snugly, manger, radiance, reassured, vast host, Bethlehem, astonished, angel

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