One day God sent an angel to tell Mary some very special news. Mary was **afraid**. She had never seen an angel before.

The angel said, “Don’t be afraid. You will be the mother of a special baby boy. He will be God’s own Son. Name the baby Jesus.”

Before this special baby was born, Mary and her husband, Joseph, had to go on a trip. They were going to Bethlehem to **write** their names in the king’s book.

Mary probably rode on a little donkey. Joseph walked beside her. Clippety-clop! Clippety-clop! went the donkey’s feet on the rocky road.

When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, it was very crowded. Many people were already there.

Mary and Joseph were very tired. They looked and looked for a place to stay for the night. They wanted to go to **sleep**. But there wasn’t a room anywhere for them!

It was almost time for Mary’s baby to be born. She needed a place to rest. Finally they found a stable. A stable is a place where sheep, cows and donkeys sleep. The owner of the stable said they could sleep there. Mary and Joseph went to the stable to sleep on the hay.

That night, **baby** Jesus was born. He was God’s Son. Mary wrapped baby Jesus, so He would be warm. Then she put baby Jesus on a soft bed of hay in the manger. The manger was the place where hay was put for the animals to eat.

Mary and Joseph were very glad Jesus was born!
Jesus is born.

Luke 2:1-7
Find and draw a \( \bigcirc \) around the numbers 1 to 10 hidden in the picture.

We are glad that Jesus is born! The Bible says, “God’s Son is born for us.” (See Isaiah 9:6.)

As you point to each number you found, hold up that number of fingers.