

A Christmas Nativity **LEFT-RIGHT** Story

Mary and Joseph were traveling to Bethlehem. Mary was riding on a donkey while Joseph walked along to her RIGHT. The road seemed to stretch on and on, winding LEFT and then RIGHT, RIGHT through the countryside. Mary looked to the LEFT and saw rolling hills, while Joseph looked LEFT and RIGHT and spotted a few shepherds watching their sheep far off RIGHT in the distance.

When they finally reached Bethlehem, Joseph went from one place to the RIGHT, then another to the LEFT, looking for somewhere to stay. Every inn was full RIGHT up. He checked the building on the RIGHT, then another one on the RIGHT, but there was no room LEFT. At last, someone offered them a humble stable just to the LEFT of the inn.

That night, Mary and Joseph settled RIGHT in. Joseph placed fresh straw on the LEFT side of the manger and made sure everything was LEFT just RIGHT for the baby. The animals stood to the RIGHT and LEFT, quietly watching as they LEFT Mary resting.

And then, RIGHT on that holy night, baby Jesus was born.

Mary gently wrapped Jesus and laid Him RIGHT in the manger. Joseph knelt to the LEFT of Mary, while Mary looked RIGHT at her precious baby. Everything around them was LEFT quiet and peaceful, and they knew that something very special had happened RIGHT that night.

Not far away, shepherds were RIGHT in their fields watching their flocks. Suddenly, an angel appeared RIGHT in front of them! The shepherds were frightened and looked LEFT and RIGHT, but the angel told them not to be afraid. The angel announced the good news that a Savior had been born in Bethlehem.

The shepherds LEFT and hurried RIGHT down the road, turning LEFT at the hill and LEFT again toward Bethlehem. When they found the RIGHT stable, they stood to the LEFT and RIGHT of the manger, amazed to see baby Jesus.

Some time later, wise men from the East saw a special star in the sky. They knew it pointed them RIGHT toward the newborn King. They traveled RIGHT across the land, following the star RIGHT toward wherever it led them. At last, the star led the wise men RIGHT to the place where Jesus was staying. They knelt RIGHT before Him and presented their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Mary looked LEFT at Joseph, while the wise men bowed RIGHT before Jesus. Their long journey had finally brought them to the newborn King, and their hearts were filled RIGHT up with joy.

From a long journey to Bethlehem, to a humble stable, to shepherds who LEFT their flock, and finally to wise men who followed the star RIGHT to Jesus, the story had come together just RIGHT.

And that is how the Christmas story reminds us that sometimes the road may turn LEFT or RIGHT, but God's plan is always RIGHT on time.

