

In the fields near Bethlehem, shepherds were guarding their sheep. Suddenly, a scary bright light flashed in the sky. And many, many angels appeared, singing praises to God.

A glowing 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 Savior 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 on a bed of hay" (Luke 2:10–12 CEV).

"Wow! That's amazing!" the shepherds exclaimed to each other as they hurried off to Bethlehem to find Jesus. They were excited to see the Son of God, and they knelt down and worshiped Jesus as soon as they found Him. Then they went out and spread the word about what the angel had told them. And Mary? She spent the night wide awake, thanking God and thinking about His mysterious, wonderful plan.

## Jesus Calling

*But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.*

PSALM 13:5

On that special night so many years ago,  
people rejoiced at My coming into their world.  
Even though you cannot see or touch Me,  
I am still very present in your world today.  
I am right here beside you. I have always loved you.  
Even before the creation of the world,  
I chose you to be My child.

