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When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, they couldn't find

a place to stay because all the inns were full. But even though there was no room in the inns, someone welcomed them into a simple stable. It wasn't fancy, but it was a safe place for Mary and Joseph, and it became the birthplace of Jesus.

That night, shepherds in the fields were visited by angels who told them the good news of Jesus birth. The shepherds were ordinary people, yet they were



welcomed to see the baby Jesus. Later, wise men from faraway lands came to visit Jesus, too. They followed a bright star that led them to Bethlehem, and when they found Jesus, they offered Him gifts. Even though they were strangers from a different place, they were welcomed.

The Christmas story reminds us that everyone is welcome in God's family—no matter who they are or where they come from. Jesus' birth shows us that everyone belongs and is loved by God. This Christmas, let's remember to be like the people in the story who made room, shared good news, and gave gifts from their hearts. We can make others feel included and special by welcoming them with kindness and love, just like Jesus was welcomed that first Christmas.

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Happy Christmas to you all!

God bless,

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