

## Station Five

### *Jesus Lying in the Manger*



The angels told the shepherds (and all who are seeking the saviour):

“This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger”. The shepherds hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in a manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. On the eighth day, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

(Luke 2:12-21)

The announcement was good news for them, us, and the whole world. So the angels sang in praise, and we are invited to join them.

## Station Six

### *Angels*

Suddenly, a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests”. (Luke 2:13-14)

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## *Welcome to Woody Nook*

## **LIVE NATIVITY**

### Station One

### *Shepherds*



We start beside Bethlehem where some shepherds were watching sheep. Luke tells us something amazing happened.

“There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you: He is the Messiah, the Lord...” (Luke 2:8-12)

About nine months before this, there was some personal drama in Nazareth between a couple who were engaged.

## Station Two

### *Joseph and Mary*

“This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph, her husband, was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”” (Matthew 1:18–21, NIV)

When the baby was almost due, they had to travel because Caesar wanted to know how many people lived in the empire so he could raise taxes.

## Station Three

### *Census*



“So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.” (Luke 2:1–4, NIV)

## Station Four

### *Wisemen*



There were some scholars from the East who saw a new star, and knew God was doing something amazing, so they followed it. It took them a while, but they found out the baby was born in Bethlehem, and the star kept leading them.

“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasure and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. (Matthew 2:1-12)

The wise men gave these gifts to Jesus, because they knew this boy was special. He is God’s own son, sent to save the world.