

## A Baby in a Manger

Luke 2:1-7

Key Verse: 2:7

1. What was happening in those days? (1-3) To what does the phrase "in those days" refer? (chapter 1; Gal4:4) Who was Caesar Augustus? Why did he call for a census of the entire Roman world? What impact did it have? (3)
2. Who was Joseph and why did he go from Nazareth to Bethlehem? (4) Who went with him, what was their relationship, and what was her condition? (5) Why do you think he took her along with him? (1:34-35) How are they a contrast to Caesar? Why did Jesus have to be born in Bethlehem? (Mt2:5-6)
3. Read verses 6-7. What happened when they arrived? What did Mary do with the newborn baby? What does the phrase "no room for them" show about the people of those times? How might people still be like this today?
4. Read verses 6-7 again. What is a manger and how is it normally used? Who is the baby in the manger and why was he born in such a way? (2Co8:9; Isa53:3; Heb2:17; Mt8:17; Php2:7) What does this reveal about God's way of working?
5. How is the baby in the manger a contrast to Caesar Augustus? How does this event reveal God's sovereign rule in history? How does this event reveal God's love for all people? (Jn3:16)