Jesus Was Born

1 About that time, Augustus Caesar sent out an order to everyone in the empire that everyone must register. 2 This was the first registration. It occurred while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 Each person traveled to be registered in the town where he was born.

4 So, Joseph left Nazareth, a town in Galilee. He went up to the town of Bethlehem in Judea. This was known as David’s town. Joseph went there, because he was from the family of David. Joseph was a direct descendant. 5 Joseph registered with Mary, because she was engaged to marry him. (Mary was now pregnant.) 6 While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to have the baby. 7 She gave birth to her first son and wrapped him in cloths. There were no rooms left in the hotel. So, she laid the baby in a box where livestock are fed.