

SYMBOL OF THE WEEK: MANGER Song: Silent Night (Verse I)

Silent night, Holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child
Holy infant, tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace,
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PRELUDE

Mary was about to have a baby. The king ordered that all people needed to move and go to the place from where their family originally came. Mary and Joseph had to be uncomfortable when they just wanted a quiet place to start their family. They had to travel when all they wanted was peace.

THE STORY

Baby Jesus was getting ready to be born, but Mary and Joseph (who were Jesus' parents) had to travel to a city that was very far away. Even though she was pregnant, she had to travel very far, and when they got there, there was nowhere for them to stay. All of the hotels were full, and the only place they could go was a stable where all the animals lived.

While they were in the barn, Mary might have sung lullabies to Jesus. When babies cry, mommies or daddies can hold their babies in their arms and let them know that they are safe. When Jesus was born, Mary could remember that God was making a way for her to be safe even when things were hard or scary. And, just like Mary, we can have peace because we know that we are safe in God's arms because of Jesus.

FINALE

Jesus brings PEACE when we have no peace.

VERSE

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6