



THE BIRTH OF JESUS



The Son of God took on human nature to be like us. His humble birth helps us to understand his love for all people. Using the clues below, find the word that completes each statement, and fill in the blanks on the corresponding line. If you need help, refer to the pages in *The Catholic Connections Handbook* listed in the parentheses. When you are finished, the letters in the boxes will spell out the term we use for the angel's message to Mary.

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1. God sent this angel to ask Mary to become Jesus' mother. (p. 109)
2. Mary had to use this for Jesus' cradle. (p. 109)
3. Saint Francis of Assisi created the first ___ scene in AD 1223. (p. 110)
4. The angel described Mary as "___ of grace." (p. 112)
5. At Jesus' birth, angels appeared to shepherds and told them that they were "here with good ___." (p. 110)
6. God kept Mary from the stain of Original Sin; this is called her Immaculate ___. (p. 112)
7. A star guided the ___, wise men who studied the skies. (p. 110)
8. The Christmas season ends with the feast of Jesus' ___ on the second Sunday in January. (p. 109)
9. The story of Jesus' birth is found in the Gospels of ___ and Luke. (p. 109)
10. According to the Nicene Creed, Jesus is "conceived by the power of the Holy ___ and born of the Virgin Mary." (p. 109)
11. This king ordered the killing of boys two years old and younger because he wanted to kill the baby Jesus. (p. 111)
12. Santa Claus is also called Saint ___ and was a fourth-century bishop in Asia Minor. (p. 114)





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1. Gabriel
2. Manger
3. Nativity
4. Full
5. News
6. Conception
7. Magi
8. Baptism
9. Matthew
10. Spirit
11. Herod
12. Nick

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