



Messages of HOPE



Three wise men taking gifts for
Baby Jesus.

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.” (Luke 2:14, NIV)

An Angels Of Hope Christmas Story

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If Jesus had a pet

Kids love pets and the children in our Angels Of Hope donor-supported homes are no different.

We asked what kind of pet Jesus might have and we dare you not to smile at these answers!

"I think He had a puppy because it's man's best friend and Jesus never is wrong." Gerardo, 9

"A dove because it represents peace." Aldo, 9

"I think Jesus would have sheep." Altha, 7

"A donkey." Rebeca, 6

"A plank (because He was a carpenter)." Mateo, 5

"A hen." Priscila, 4

"Perhaps He had a bunny because they are so pretty." Luz, 5

"A cow." Evelin, 7

"A little lamb." Rosa, 7

"I think He had a kitten because they are pretty and so cute." Gabriela, 8



'Jesus Was Born Far Away'

Children share their ideas and artwork about the birth of Christ

Children between ages 4 and 9 from Angels Of Hope donor-supported homes shared (from memory) what they know about the Christmas story.

We've included our questions and the children's (mostly) accurate and delightfully imaginative answers here just for you.

Thank you for being a year-round blessing to the Angels Of Hope program and its precious children.

First, some background

Who is Jesus?

"The Son of God." Erika, 8

"My dad." Glenda, 5

"Jesus is the Savior of the world." Aldo, 9

"He is in heaven." Priscila, 4

"The one who is up there. The one who is in heaven."
Alexia, 8

"He is the One who saves our lives." Ruth, 6

"Jesus is a baby." Cendy, 6

"Jesus is the person chosen by God to save the world."
Luz, 5

Who are the parents of Jesus?

"Her name is, uh ... hmm ... Maria, she's a girl. And the other child's name is Joseph, and the baby's name is Jesus." Mateo, 5

"Mary and Moses." Priscila, 4

"Joseph and Mary are children of God." Cendy, 6

"Joseph and God." Jeferson, 5

"The parents of Jesus are Virgin Mary and Joseph the carpenter." Gabriela, 8

Delivering messages of hope and joy

Who was the angel Gabriel?

"He was an angel, and he told Mary not to be afraid. And that God was with her, and that nooothering was going to be impossible for Him." Rebeca, 6

"He notified Jesus." Glenda, 5

"He was the one who announced that Jesus was going to be born." Ruth, 6

"Angel Gabriel was God's messenger." Marlyn, 7

"God sending a message." Matias, 6



The road to Bethlehem

What kind of transportation did Mary and Joseph take to get to Bethlehem?

"It was ... it was on the donkey, and it came to her house, and the donkey came to her house and hid under the table. And Maria said that was OK."
Mateo, 5

"They got there by car." Alexia, 8

"Mary and Joseph took a donkey." Adrain, 6

"For to us a child is born"

Where was Jesus born?

"In Bethlehem." Rosa, 7

"In a manger." Evelin, 7

"Far away." Mateo, 5

"In Mary's belly." Jeferson, 5

"In a mangler." Glenda, 5

What did Mary wrap Jesus in after He was born?

"With a tablecloth." Alexia, 8

"Sheets and rags." Ruth, 6

"A jacket." Cristina, 6

"In swaddling cloth." Marlyn, 7

"Mary wrapped Jesus in diapers." Altha, 7

"She wrapped Him in white and blue blankets."
Aldo, 9

What animals were in the stable when baby Jesus was born?

"A chicken, a cow, a horse." Rebeca, 6

"Donkey, goat, mice, horses, cows, sheep, snakes."
Mateo, 5

"A cow, a horse, a goat, a donkey and two dogs."
Erika, 8

"A sheep, cow, duck, and horse." Cristina, 6

"There were a camel, donkeys, cows, hens and sheep."
Luz, 5



The first to be told

What were the shepherds doing in the fields when the angel Gabriel visited them?

"They were singing to him [the angel Gabriel]."
Mateo, 5

"At that time, they were taking care of sheep so that none would be lost." Luz, 5

“When the angel Gabriel visited the shepherds, they fell asleep.” Altha, 7

“Looking for Jesus and taking care of the sheep.” Jeferson, 5

“They were looking after the sheep so that no ferocious animal would eat any.” Gabriela, 8

Wise men still seek Him

What gifts did the wise men bring to Jesus?

“A ring and a sorbet.” Mateo, 5

“Gold, frankincense and myrrh.” Carlos, 6

“A plant and a doll.” Priscila, 4

“The men brought food for baby Jesus.” Cendy, 6

“For the baby Jesus, the men brought gold, clothes, powder.” Rebecca, 7

“They brought Him coins, gold, treasure.” Matias, 6



The meaning of Christmas

Why do we celebrate Christmas?

“Because Jesus and Mary are pregnant.” Glenda, 5

“Because Jesus is born.” Cristina, 6

“For Jesus.” Priscila, 4

“We celebrate Christmas because Christmas is about love and sharing.” Altha, 7

“To remember Jesus.” William, 6

“Because it's Jesus' birthday.” Josh, 5

“Because we celebrate the birth of Jesus together with Him.” Gerardo, 9

A special thank you to the children and staff in El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti and Honduras who participated in the Christmas story project!



A Note From The Director

Dear Friends,

I hope you enjoy reading the different recollections of the Christmas story shared by a few of the precious children in the Angels Of Hope program. Their innocence and expressiveness are so refreshing. One can't help but chuckle and smile.

During my travels, I have learned that kids do say the darndest things. For them, there is no such thing as political correctness. I am often asked many personal questions. But I am never offended because I know they ask out of childlike curiosity and a genuine interest to learn more about me. Most conversations end with everyone laughing.

In Luke 18:16-17, Jesus called the children to Him and said the kingdom of God belongs to them. I believe Jesus was telling us to come to Him with total dependence, complete trust, openness and sincerity. May our conversations with God be like those of a child ... heartfelt, simple and filled with faith.

We are truly grateful for your prayers of protection and provision for your sponsored child and all children in the Angels Of Hope program. Thank you for your continued support. May your holiday season be filled with health, peace and joy. To God be the glory!

In His service,



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