

The Story of Jesus' Birth, Luke 2:1–20 for children

Melinda Kay Busch Illustrated by Melanie Hall Come, my dear children, gather around, I'll tell you a story that's true— Of how God our Father sent His Son, In love, as a Savior for you. Mary and Joseph traveled for days, Obeying great Caesar's decree To go to their ancestral city, To be counted and taxed properly.

Joseph was born of King David's line, To Bethlehem he had to go, For this was the City of David, Who had lived many years ago. Now listen, my children, I'll tell you The reason we have Christmas morn— It was for the cross and Eastertide That our Lord Jesus Christ was born. He came here to love and to teach us. He came here to heal and to pray. But most of all the Messiah came To die on a cross one sad day.

For we all have hearts that are sinful-We have broken God's heart in two. And only the death of our Savior Can give us a life that is new.