

ADVENT - CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Cookies: Small Gingerbread Man

Scripture Passage

Luke 2:6-14 (NIRV)

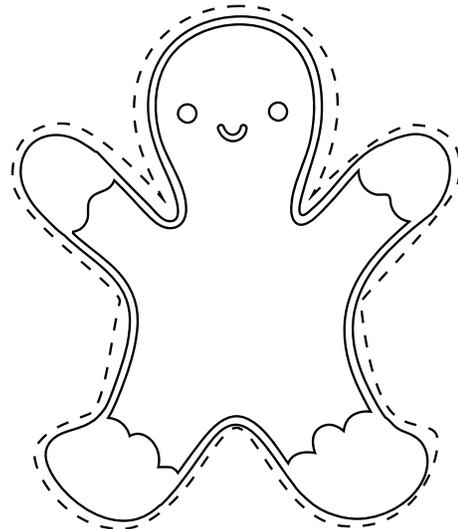
⁶ While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay.

⁸ There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God. They said,

¹⁴ "May glory be given to God in the highest heaven! And may peace be given to those he is pleased with on earth!"



Wonder Questions

As you prepare, bake, and wait for the cookies to be ready, wonder together with your family about these things:

- I wonder how the shepherds felt when the angel told of the good news of the birth.
- I wonder if all who were there realized all the amazing things Jesus would do when he grew up.
- I wonder how you can share that same amazement and excitement of the good news of Jesus' birth as you spend Christmas day with your loved ones.