

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS PRESENTS





WHEN YOU were born, you were a little baby. I was a little baby once. Everybody was. When Jesus was born, He was a little baby, too. But He was not a common ordinary baby. He came down from Heaven to live with us in our world. His Father was God.







JESUS HAD a very good Mother who loved Him very much. Her name was Mary. Her husband was Good Saint Joseph. Jesus was not born at home, in the house of Mary and Joseph. He was born when they were on a trip, in a little town that was called Bethlehem.









ESUS WAS born on Christmas. That is His birthday. There was no room in the hotel, so Mary and Joseph had to stay in a cave that was used as a stable for horses and cows. There was nothing but a manger for the Baby to lie in. (A manger is a big feeding box for the animals.) Blessed Mother wrapped her Baby up to keep Him warm. Saint Joseph put some nice clean straw in the manger for Him to lie on. Then they both kissed Him.







URING the night when Jesus was born, and everything was very quiet, there were some shepherds in a field outside of Bethlehem. They were watching their sheep, to keep away wolves and thieves. All of a sudden, many Angels came from Heaven. They told the shepherds, “Go over to Bethlehem and see God’s Son. He was born tonight. You will find Him all wrapped up, lying in a manger.” Then the Angels flew back to Heaven, singing lovely songs.









THE SHEPHERDS ran up to Bethlehem to see the Baby Jesus. Of course, they brought Him birthday presents. One shepherd brought a little white lamb. He knelt down and said, “Holy Child, I have brought You a present.” One shepherd brought a little coal-black kid goat with long silky ears. He knelt down and said, “Holy Child, I have brought You a present.” Other shepherds brought milk and woolly sheepskins to keep the Baby warm.



