

Advent Windows

2023





1st December

The story starts about 2000 years ago, when the people of the Holy Land were governed by the Romans.



2nd December

In the village of Nazareth, lived a young woman called Mary, who was promised in marriage to a carpenter called Joseph.



3rd December

The angel Gabriel came to Mary and told her God had chosen her to be the mother of His Son, who would be great.



4th December

Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true."



5th December

An angel also appeared to Joseph and told him not to be afraid but to marry Mary and to name the baby Jesus.



6th December

When Mary was soon to give birth, Caesar sent out an order, that everyone had to return to the town of their birth, to register for tax.



7th December

So Mary and Joseph had to make the long journey to Bethlehem, as Joseph was from the family of David.



8th December

They packed the saddle bags and made the journey to Bethlehem, with Mary travelling on a donkey.



9th December

A star appeared in the sky, a sign that a great king was about to be born.



10th December

Some wise men came from the East. They saw the star and began to follow it.



11th December

They bore gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the awaited newborn king.



12th December

They looked for the new king in Jerusalem but could only find the cruel King Herod.



13th December

King Herod sent the wise men to find the new king, pretending he wanted to worship him.



14th December

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, they looked for somewhere to stay but all the inns were full.



15th December

An innkeeper took pity on them and let them stay in his stable.



16th December

In the stable, there was an ox, a donkey and a manger, from which they fed.



17th December

The wise men continued to follow the star all the way to Bethlehem, where it stopped over the stable.



18th December

In a dream, an angel told the wise men not to tell Herod when they had found the new king, as Herod wished him harm.



19th December

In the hills nearby, some shepherds were tending their sheep.



20th December

The shepherds saw a radiant light and the sky was filled with singing angels.



21st December

The angels sang “Glory to God in the Highest, peace and good will towards men.”



22nd December

Amazed, the shepherds made the journey to Bethlehem, to visit the baby.



23rd December

As the time came for Mary to give birth, there would only be a manger for the new born king to lie upon.



24th December

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life.