



a Kendall Hunt Company

Nativity of the Lord (Mass during the Night) - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 14ABC (Mass at Midnight)

Read the Gospel: [Luke 2:1-14](#)

Gospel Summary

In today's Gospel reading, we are once again reminded that God shows no partiality to persons according to their social status and means. Jesus—the King of Kings and Lord of Lords—is not born to royalty, nor is he born in a castle. He is born to the carpenter Joseph and his betrothed, Mary. Because Joseph and Mary could find no room in the inn, Jesus was born in a stall and had a manger for a bed. The first announcement of this King's birth was not to the privileged; it was to shepherds tending their sheep in the fields. The Good News of Jesus' birth is meant for all people and for all time.

Reflection for Parents

Take some time to recall your Advent journey. How and by whom was the Good News shared with you? How and with whom did you share the Good News? On this Christmas Day, what makes your spirit want to join the angels in singing, "Glory to God in the highest"?

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

Gather your family around the Christmas tree and retell the Christmas story as it is presented in today's Gospel. Invite family members to take the parts of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the angels. Have the characters dress in simple costumes. Conclude by singing together a favorite Christmas carol or the Glory to God.

Discussion Starters

1. My favorite part of the Christmas story is . . .
2. I want to give glory to God today for . . .
3. Someone with whom I can share the Good News of Christmas is . . .