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Title: No Room for Jesus!

Theme: We must make room in our hearts for Jesus. He really wants to come in.

Objects: Pictures of the night Jesus was born: turned away, birth in the stable, shepherds and angels. Jesus standing at the door knocking.

Text: Revelation 3:20 (NKJV) Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

This is a precious verse from the Bible.

Jesus is speaking here. He is knocking at the door of your heart. He wants to come in and be your friend. He wants to save you from your sins and give you eternal life.

Here is a picture that an artist has painted to help us see what this verse is like.

Jesus is standing outside the door. He’s knocking on the door. He’s saying, “I’m Jesus. I want to come in and be your Friend.”

But it’s really not the door of a house like in this picture; it is the door of your heart.

This picture of Jesus knocking on the door reminds me of the night that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, was knocking on the door of the inn in the little town of Bethlehem.

The inn was where travelers could stay for the night. They would have a nice bed with covers and a pillow. There would be a place in the inn where they could buy food in the morning for breakfast.

Joseph and Mary, his wife, had traveled a long way from Nazareth, and they were very tired.

And Mary was pregnant. The baby Jesus was in her belly and He was going to be born that very night.

This picture shows Joseph and Mary outside the inn. The innkeeper is telling them that all the rooms are full. There’s no room for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Imagine how disappointed they must have been. Where could Mary have the baby?

The inn keeper said, “I can let you stay in the barn with the animals. I can bring you some towels and blankets and swaddling cloths for the baby. The hay is soft, and you can use the manger as a bed for the baby.

You know what I think? I think that if the inn keeper knew that it was Jesus, the Son of God, being born that night, **he** would have slept in the barn himself and let Jesus, Mary, and Joseph have his room!

But he didn’t know until the next day.

So here is a picture of the baby Jesus with Mary his mother and Joseph His earthly father in the barn where Jesus was born.

The Bible tells us that while this was going on, there were shepherds out in the fields watching their flocks at night.

An Angel appeared to them and told them the good news about the birth of Jesus.

The angel said, “There is born for you in Bethlehem tonight a Savior who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Suddenly the whole sky was filled with angels singing “Glory to God in the highest!!”

Here’s another picture of what it might have been like.

The shepherds ran into Bethlehem to see this baby Jesus that the angels told them about, and they found Jesus in the barn with Mary and Joseph.

And they told everyone they could what the angels told them: that the Messiah had been born in Bethlehem.

When He grew up, Jesus was indeed the Messiah. He became our Savior because He died on the cross to save us from our sins.

That brings us back to our first picture: Jesus standing at the door and knocking.

It would be really sad if we told Jesus, “You can’t come in because there’s no room in my heart for you.”

Instead, Jesus would be so happy if you would say, “Come into my heart Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for You!”

Will you make room in your heart for Jesus today? Let’s invite Him in.