

**Narrator II:** The long awaited day approached. All heaven waited in joyous anticipation as the earth prepared to receive its Maker. How appropriate that we reverence His birth, the moment when God clothed Himself in flesh and became man.

**Narrator I:** (*music begins*) "And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (Because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in the manger; because there was no room for them in the inn (*music ends*).

