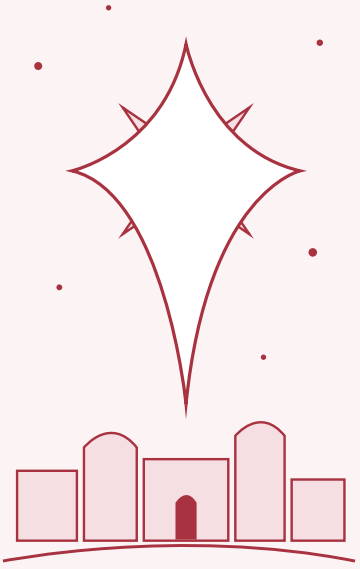
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Short Christmas Bible verses

READ LUKE 2:11

[11]Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord!

READ MATTHEW 1:21

[21]She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

READ MATTHEW 1:23

[23]"Behold, the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel" (which means, "God with us").

READ JOHN 3:16

[16]For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

READ GALATIANS 4:4-5

[4]But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, [5]to redeem those under the law, that we might receive our adoption as sons.

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 9:15

[15]Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Bible verses about the birth of Jesus

READ LUKE 2:1-7

[1]Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that a census should be taken of the whole empire. [2]This was the first census to take place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. [3]And everyone went to his own town to register. [4]So Joseph also went up from Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, since he was from the house and line of David. [5]He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child. [6]While they were there, the time came for her Child to be born. [7]And she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Old Testament prophecies of Christ's birth

READ ISAIAH 7:14

> [14]Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will be with child and give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel.

Matthew 1:22-23 says this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet.

READ ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

> [2]The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned. [6]For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. [7]Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from that time and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of Hosts will accomplish this.

Matthew 4:13-16 quotes Isaiah 9:1-2 when Jesus settles in Capernaum in Galilee and begins to preach.

READ MICAH 5:2

> [2]But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come forth for Me One to be ruler over Israel—One whose origins are of old, from the days of eternity.

Matthew 2:5-6 says the chief priests and scribes named Bethlehem, and quotes the prophet.

Bible verses about why Jesus came

READ JOHN 1:1-5, 14

> [1]In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2]He was with God in the beginning. [3]Through Him all things were made, and without Him nothing was made that has been made. [4]In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. [5]The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. [14]The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

> [5]Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: [6]Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, [7]but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness. [8]And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross. [9]Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name above all names, [10]that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11]and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

> [15]This is a trustworthy saying, worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst.

READ TITUS 2:11-14

> [11]For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to everyone. [12]It instructs us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live sensible, upright, and godly lives in the present age, [13]as we await the blessed hope and glorious appearance of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. [14]He gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Christmas Scripture readings for a church service

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READ LUKE 1:26-38

[26]In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, [27]to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. [28]The angel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." [29]Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. [30]So the angel told her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. [31]Behold, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus. [32]He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, [33]and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever. His kingdom will never end!" [34]"How can this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" [35]The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. [36]Look, even Elizabeth your relative has conceived a son in her old age, and she who was called barren is in her sixth month. [37]For no word from God will ever fail." [38]"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it happen to me according to your word." Then the angel left her.

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READ LUKE 2:8-20

8 And there were shepherds residing in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their
flocks by night. 9 Just then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of
the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them,
“Do not be afraid! For behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all
the people: 11 Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ
the Lord! 12 And this will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in
swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there appeared with the
angel a great multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying: 14 “Glory to
God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests!” 15 When
the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,
“Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has
made known to us.” 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the
Baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 After they had seen the Child, they spread
the message they had received about Him. 18 And all who heard it were amazed at
what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and
pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising
God for all they had heard and seen, which was just as the angel had told them.

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