

**Trascrizione del Video – Hanno Sloggiato Gesù**Jesus is born

Mary, a beautiful girl from Nazareth, loved God with her whole heart.

One day, the angel Gabriel suddenly appeared and told her: "Hail, Mary, the Lord is with you. You will have a child and call him Jesus. He will be the Savior that the people of Israel are waiting for. You will be the mother of the Son of God."

Mary was surprised and asked: "How can this happen? I have no husband..."

The angel replied: "Nothing is impossible with God!"

Mary believed his words and said: "Yes, I want to do what God wants of me!"

Joseph wanted to be Mary's husband, but when he found out that Mary was pregnant, he became unsure and wanted to leave her.

But then an angel appeared to him in a dream and said: "Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries came from the Holy Spirit!"

They happily married and Joseph protected Mary with so much love.

By order of King Herod, they had to go to Bethlehem, where Joseph was from, for the census – to write their names in the city register.

The trip was long, and just as they were about to arrive, Mary felt that it was time to give birth: Jesus was coming into the world!

And so he was born in a stable, since there was no more room for them in the inns of the city. Mary swaddled him carefully and laid him on a bed of hay that Joseph had prepared for him.

Nearby, there were shepherds who were tending to their sheep. An angel came to them and said: "Today, the Savior of the world is born. Go, look for the baby in the manger." The shepherds went immediately to adore Jesus.

Some wise men who had come from faraway lands came to Jerusalem and asked: "Where can we find this child that was just born, who is the King of the Jews? We have seen his star from the East and we have come to honor Him."

They were the Magi who, along with the shepherds, went to pay homage to Jesus.

Gen 4 boy: Now do you understand why we celebrate Christmas?

Gen 4 boy: I knew that God wanted to give us a great gift and sent Jesus so that He could teach us how to love, like they do in Heaven.

Gen 4 girl: I've only heard about Father Christmas, but nobody ever told me the true story of Christmas, the story of Jesus' birth!

Gen 4 boy: Yes, people have almost forgotten about it, but we can remind them!

Gen 4 girl: Of course, just like many other children all over the world are doing.

Gen 4 girl: Really? Who are they?

Gen 4 boy: They are the Gen 4 boys and girls who love everyone like Jesus did, and who show us that He is the greatest gift of all!

Gen 4 girl: And who taught them that?

4th Gen 4 girl: Chiara Lubich

### Photo of Chiara with the Gen 4

Let Jesus be born among you with your love, so that it is always Christmas!

...we can offer Jesus in our midst to the whole world, and bring our love and joy into the streets, into schools, to children and adults... everywhere!

Gen 4 boy: Many years ago, Chiara was taking a walk in the streets of Zurich just before Christmas, and she saw many shop windows with lights, toys, snow on little trees, Father Christmas... but she asked herself: Where is Jesus? But Jesus was not there. This rich world had taken in Christmas, but had evicted Jesus.

Gen 4 boy: What does 'evicted' mean?

Gen 4 girl: It means that Jesus has no place to stay, just like when he was born, and they didn't have any room for him.

Gen 4 boy: So Chiara said to us: at least we can celebrate His coming!

Gen 4 boy: So, we Gen 4 all over the world want to do this, and we want to invite everyone to do the same.

Gen 4 boy: And how will we do it?

Gen 4 boy: We thought of making little figurines of the baby Jesus and little cribs, and we will offer them to people who maybe don't know or don't remember that Jesus is more important than Christmas shopping.

**CH F :-** We want to remind them that Christmas is the birthday of Jesus.

Gen 4 boy: And we will ask them: Do you want to bring Him to your home?

Gen 4 girl: Some will say no, some won't even stop, but others will stop and we will give them our little figurines of Jesus and the cribs we have prepared.

Gen 4 boy: We'll go to the town squares, in large cities and shopping malls, and we'll give our little figurines to our mayors as well, and to the elderly in care homes.

Gen 4 boy: We'll also draw attention with our stalls, with musical concerts, and we'll also organize Christmas parties for many kids.

**CH F :-** The proceeds will go to children in Syria, Nigeria and Cuba.

Gen 4 boy: Would you like a baby Jesus? This was written by Chiara Lubich (They Have Evicted Jesus).

Gen 4 girl: It's also free.

Gen 4 boy: It's like a wave of happiness that involves everyone puts the "person being celebrated" back at the heart of Christmas.

Photos of activities all over the world

Let's sing together

**Videoclip: It's Christmas**