



## I'll be home for Christmas

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### Introduction:

- Review: The heart of Christmas
- Homeless for Christmas

*And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.*

**Luke 2:4**

*That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.*

**Luke 2:8**

*Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem....*

**Matthew 2:1**

*Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."*

**Matthew 8:20**

### What Does "Home" Mean?

- It's about a place
- It's about people
- It's about protection

## Being Home for Christmas

### 1. A new location

*Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."*

**John 14:23**

*But our homeland is in heaven and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Philippians 3:20**

### 2. A life-giving relationship

*So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."*

**Romans 8:15**

### 3. A place of security

*Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.*

**Psalms 23:4**

*I will never leave you. I will never desert you.*

**Hebrews 13:5**

[Quoted from Deuteronomy 31:6]

### Next Steps:

- I am "coming home" to God today. I need to be a part of God's family and declare Jesus my Lord.
- I identify my home with God. I will focus on my spiritual home this Christmas by \_\_\_\_\_
- Pray for my relationship with \_\_\_\_\_. I want to have a stronger connection.
- I will invite \_\_\_\_\_ to the Christmas Eve service
- \_\_\_\_\_