

## NO VACANCIES | LUKE 2:1-7

A young couple arrived in a small, unwalled village. It is the evening and there was no place to stay. The village, about five miles south of Jerusalem, was unusually bustling with people because the Roman government had called for a census. Mary and Joseph, returning to their hometown, had no place to lay their heads, and Mary was about to deliver a baby. Any place they would stay whether public or private was packed with no vacancy. Most likely they ended up staying in the stable area of a relative's home. The home was possibly carved into a hill. That night everyone missed it. What did they miss? They missed the most significant birth in the history of the world. If they would have truly known the significance, they would have thrown kings and queens out of their castles to make room for the baby Jesus. Who missed the first Christmas and why did they miss it? How can we make sure we do not miss significance of Christmas?

1. Several people missed the first Christmas because they were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.
2. People miss the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christmas today for many of the \_\_\_\_\_ reasons.
3. We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ and make time to return to the significance of Christmas and \_\_\_\_\_.