

"Waiting for Jesus"

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Today we will meet here in the center of the platform at the steps, where the Nativity is!

The stable here looks kind of empty right now, doesn't it?



Over 2000 years ago, I imagine an empty, insignificant, ordinary, little stable stood waiting for the very Son of God to be born inside it's shelter. Perhaps that little stable was trembling in expectation waiting for Mary and Joseph to arrive! Waiting for Jesus to be born!

You may have already noticed that Mary and Joseph are on their way to Bethlehem. See them back there in the "balcony"? In fact, can you see who is carefully following them? Elizabeth! And, in a way, WE are following them too. We ALSO are following AND waiting for Christmas, aren't we?!

Sometimes we think we are waiting for the presents to open on Christmas morning, and WE ARE! But we are also waiting for Jesus.

When baby Jesus gets to be born, Mary and Joseph will need a crib for their baby! I searched around this stable and could not find a crib. All I found is this old wooden box that is the feeding trough for the animals who come here to eat.

But who would want to put a new born baby in the hard, wooden box of a feeding trough?!

So, at the end of my story today, while we wait for Christmas, we can each put a piece of straw in this manger, to make it a little bit more comfortable for a baby! The straw will make a kind of straw mattress.

Now think about this! Every time we receive Communion, Jesus has provided the meal for us to be fed! He gave his very Body in the Bread and the Wine here on the altar.

So, isn't it interesting that when God came to the earth as a new born baby, His crib was a feeding trough...?

Jesus came to feed us all!

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