



How Do You Get Rid of the Christmas Grinch?

(Luke 2:1-7)

Getting Ready for Christmas, No. 3

Luke 2:1 (NIV)

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Gaius Octavius

Caesar Augustus

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Luke 2:2-3 (NIV)

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3And everyone went to his own town to register.

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(Alternate)
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- 3.



Luke 2:4-5 (NIV)

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.



Luke 2:6-7 (NIV)

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

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Expressions of Pride

- 1. Needing to be right
- 2. Competitive
- 3. Argumentative
- 4. Wanting to be heard rather than in hearing

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- 5. Stubbornness
- 6. Irritability and Impatience
- 7. Feeling Angry
- 8. Not Open to Correction

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• 14 A.D. (anno domini) =
"in the year of our Lord"

• 767 A.U.C. (ab urbe condita) = "from the founding of the city"

