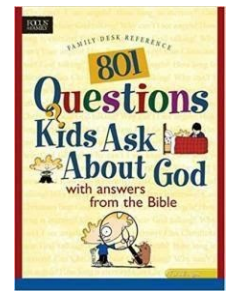# Why was Jesus born in a stinky stable?

**Answer**

God sent His own Son, Jesus, when the time was right. At the time Jesus was born, the Roman ruler of Palestine (where the Jews lived - Israel's Promised Land) was Herod, an evil man. Herod had great forts and palaces built so he could feel safe and powerful. One of the huge forts was right outside Bethlehem. But Jesus - the true King and ruler of the universe - came to earth and was born in a stinky stable. Herod's kingdom and power were very temporary; he is dead, and his buildings are in ruins. But Jesus's kingdom and power last forever. One reason Jesus was born in such a place was to show us that He and His ways are the opposite of the world's. Jesus's kingdom does not come by force but by God working in each person. Jesus's birth in a stable also lets us know that He came for all people, not just the rich and famous.

**SCRIPTURE EXPLORERS**

**While they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the village inn.** (Luke 2:6-7)

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