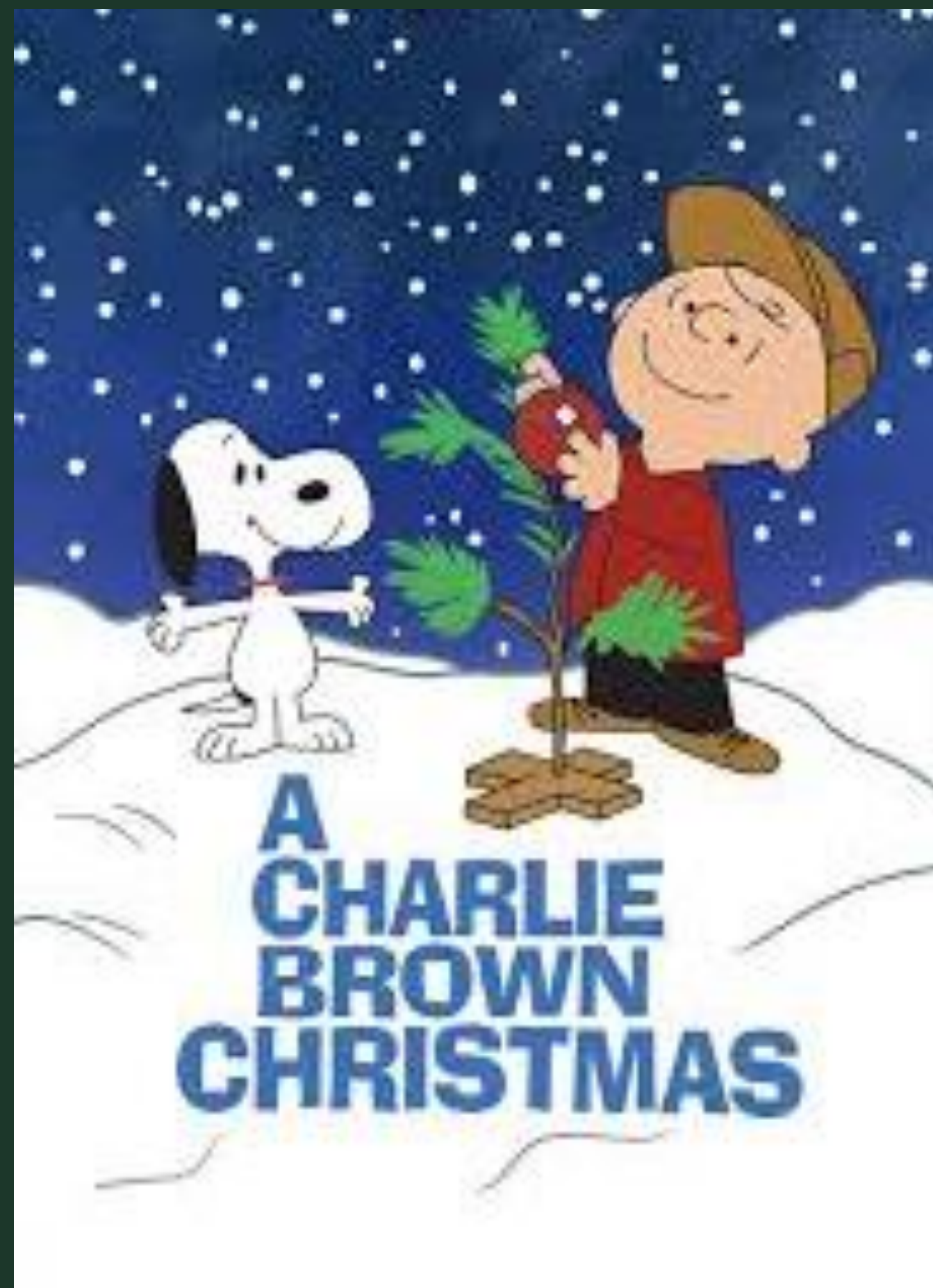


STORIES OF HOPE

told through the Shepherds

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**"FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN
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OF DAVID, A SAVIOUR,
WHICH IS
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LORD."**





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The Birth of Christ

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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The Greatest Announcement Ever.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and **they were filled with great fear.**

The Greatest Announcement Ever

to And the angel said to them, **Fear not**, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

The Greatest Announcement Ever

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a **Savior**, who is **Christ** the **Lord**.¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

The Greatest Announcement Ever.

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those
with whom he is pleased!”

Why Shepherds?

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Why Shepherds?

¹¹ **For unto you** is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

The Shepherd's Response.

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste ...

The Shepherd's Response.

¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

➤ **Investigate the Good News of Jesus!**

The Shepherd's Response.

¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

The Shepherd's

Response.

¹⁷ ...they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ... ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

➤ **Praise God & share the good news of Jesus.**