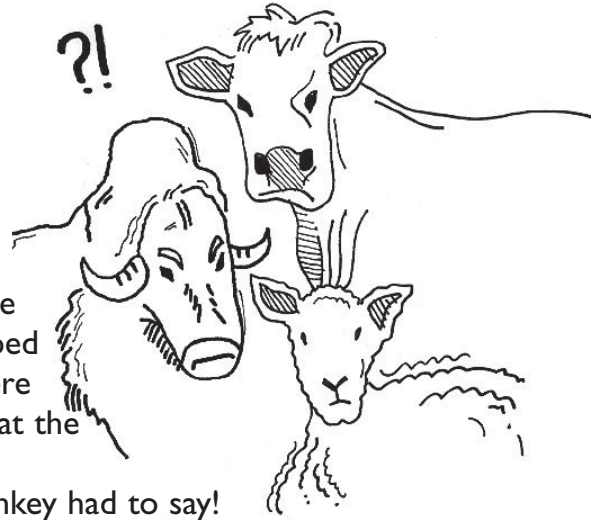


manger stranger

Luke 2:1-7



You've probably seen the Christmas play where a baby doll starred as Jesus in a manger. You might have been one of the shepherds with a pillow case wrapped around your head. Even though Mary and Joseph were happy to stay in a stable with animals, ever think what the animals had to say?

"There goes the neighborhood!" That's what the donkey had to say!

"Who's that little baby in MY manger?" cried the lamb.

"Doesn't he know the stable is for animals? His kind isn't welcome here." said the cow.

"Shh!" squealed the pig. "This baby is Jesus, God's son. Just because he doesn't oink, bah or cockadoodle doo, doesn't mean He should be teased by you."

Maybe there are some people on your turf who YOU consider strangers. Do people different than you feel welcome in your "manger" or do they feel danger? Jesus reached out to everyone, no matter their skin color, race, background, or zip code. You should, too. It's strange not to. Look up these verses and write them in your own words.

Look at the inside, not the outside 1 Samuel 16:7



What's the difference? Galatians 3:28



Variety is the spice of life! Colossians 3:11



SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE

Do for others what you would like them to do for you.

Matthew 7:12a



BE WISE. MEMORIZE.



Manger Stranger continued

Sometimes people are uncomfortable around others who look, talk, or act differently than them. So they only hang around with people like themselves. That's like getting a bag of skittles and only eating one flavor. God loves everyone, and so should you. The things that make you different also make you special.



Have you ever moved to a new neighborhood or started at a new school or church? What was that like to be the new kid?

Were you ever the only person of your ethnic background in a situation? What was it like?

If Jesus were the new kid at your school, how would you treat Him? What color was Jesus? Would that be a problem in your neighborhood?



WHAT

MAKES YOU DIFFERENT

WHAT MAKES YOU THE SAME

Write down things that make you different and the same as others.
Circle the things that really matter.

