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CHRISTMAS AT THE CREATION MUSEUM:

Remember 'HIS Story' With a Live Nativity, Dramatic Actors, Holiday Musicals and a First-Century Bethlehem Village

PETERSBURG, KY., November 23, 2009 – Once again commemorating Christmas as the fulfillment of God's plan beginning with Creation in the book of Genesis, the Creation Museum will celebrate the holiday by transporting visitors back to first-century Bethlehem, to experience the birth of the Christ child, while honoring the occasion with a spectacular twenty-first century light display.

"As Christians, we love to celebrate Christmas in a big way, and to remind our visitors of the importance of Christ's birth as part of the culmination of God's plan for humanity," said Ken Ham, founder and president of the museum. "While Creation is a big focus of the museum, it is one part of the history we teach here, helping our guests to understand how it all fits together."

The centerpiece of the museum's presentation is a dramatic live, outdoor nativity scene, featuring human actors in each of the Christmas story roles, along with the requisite sheep, donkey, and camel from the museum's own petting zoo. A replica first-century marketplace and village will include a new addition of a representation of an average home in Bethlehem during the time of Christ, serving as a backdrop to the infant's birth. An archaeological presentation each evening will explain why the choice of a home rather than a stable.

These outdoor events are free for all museum visitors, including the dazzling Christmas light display throughout the gardens and nature trails. Inside the museum, guests can enjoy holiday musicals and a special planetarium presentation of "The Christmas Star" (tickets are required), where guests will discover the remarkable astronomic events that occurred at the birth of the Savior.

Christmas at the Creation Museum runs December 11, 12, 18, 19, 26, 28, 29, and January 1 and 2, from 6–8 p.m. each day.

The Creation Museum, located near the Cincinnati Airport, is a ministry of Answers in Genesis, a nonprofit Christian organization dedicated to confirming the validity of the Bible from the very first verse. Since its opening in May 2007, the museum has seen more than 900,000 visitors and has hosted the world's major media.

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Note to Editors: For more information about the Creation Museum or Answers in Genesis, please visit <u>www.creationmuseumnews.com</u>. To arrange an interview with Creation Museum representatives, please contact Melany Ethridge of A. Larry Ross Communications at 972.267.1111 or <u>Melany@alarryross.com</u>.