

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Which do you prefer—giving gifts or receiving gifts? Why?
- Why does God want to be with us?
- Why was Jesus born?

Jesus Was Born

Matthew 1; Luke 2

STORY POINT: GOD CAME TO EARTH AS A HUMAN BABY TO BE WITH US.

Joseph found out Mary was going to have a baby, but Joseph knew it was not his baby—Mary and Joseph were not married yet! An angel appeared to him in a dream. The angel said, “Don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife. Her baby was put there by the Holy Spirit. Mary is going to have a son; name Him Jesus because He is going to save His people from their sins!”

During the time Mary was pregnant, Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.

While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. Mary and Joseph looked for a safe place to stay, but every place was full. So Mary and Joseph found a place where animals were kept, and that is where Mary had her baby. Joseph named the baby Jesus.

In the same region, some shepherds were out in the fields watching over their sheep. All of a sudden, an angel of the Lord stood before them. The angel said, “Don’t be afraid! I have very good news for you: Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David.”

Suddenly, a whole army of angels appeared, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors!”

So the shepherds went to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby. The shepherds went and told others about the baby Jesus. The shepherds returned to their fields, praising God.

Christ Connection: Jesus’ birth fulfilled the Old Testament prophecy. God the Son came into the world as Immanuel. Jesus was born to be “God with us” and to save people from sin.



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A Wacky Christmas

Fill in the 12 prompts. Then copy the words or phrases into the corresponding spaces below.

1. Boy's name:
2. Girl's name:
3. Something you do for fun:
4. Name of a place:
5. A group of people:
6. Something you do outside:
7. Someone amazing:
8. Emotion:
9. Past tense verb:
10. Something small:
11. Something big:
12. Verb ending in *-ing*:

(1) _____ found out (2) _____ was going to (3) _____.

(1) _____ and (2) _____ traveled to (4) _____.

The time came for (2) _____ to (3) _____.

In the same region, (5) _____ were about to (6) _____.

Suddenly, (7) _____ appeared, and the (5) _____ felt (8) _____. (7) _____ said, "I have good news! Today, in (4) _____, (2) _____ has (9) _____. Go, and you will find a (10) _____ lying in a (11) _____.

So the (5) _____ went to (4) _____ and found a (10) _____ lying in a (11) _____. They went home, (12) _____ because everything had happened just as (7) _____ said.

Heavenly Birth Announcement

Draw a baby and use the word list below to fill in the blanks.

Proud parents _____ and _____ are happy to announce the birth of their Son, _____, born in the city of _____. The baby is also known as _____, which means "_____ is with us."

Word list: *Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Bethlehem, Immanuel, God*

