

### Jesus



MEMORY VERSE: **"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.** The Savior - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!  
Luke 2:10b-11



#### LUKE 2:1-7 The Birth of Jesus

1. Why was Joseph required to go to Bethlehem?
2. Over 600 years earlier Micah (5:2) prophesied that the Messiah (Jesus) would be born in Bethlehem. What does this tell you about how God?
3. Jesus was God's beloved son, and yet He did not arrange for a comfortable place for Jesus to be born. Why do you think God allowed this to happen to His child?



#### LUKE 2:8-15 An Angel Announces the Savior's Birth

4. Who came to the shepherds? How did the shepherds feel at first? Why do you think they felt that way?
5. What sign did the angel tell the shepherds to look for?

6. Why do you think God chose lowly shepherds to be the first to hear the news of Jesus' birth?



### LUKE 2:16-20 The Shepherds Tell Others About Jesus' Birth

7. How do you think the shepherds felt as they hurried to see Jesus?

8. After seeing Jesus, the shepherds went and told everyone what had happened and what the angels had said to them. (v. 17) Why are both messages important?

9. What did the shepherds do as they went back to their flocks? How can we do the same?

#### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God has given us wonderful gifts! We have learned about the Bible, creation, our life, rules and discipline, courage, wisdom and direction, fellowship and prayer, friendship and family and purpose in life. And these gifts all come together in the best gift of all, Jesus. Praise the Lord, our awesome God! There is none like Him! He is the greatest gift!

#### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Jesus, thank You so much for coming to earth to give me life and to show me how to live. Help me remember that You are the greatest gift of all. Help me to tell others about You - about what you have done in my life and what the Bible says is true about you. I love You, Lord! Amen.

#### WALK IN TRUTH



Why do you think we need to tell people about Jesus?

Why is it good for us to tell people what has happened to us and also what the Bible says about Him?

## Luke 2:1-20

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1 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.

2 (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.

4 And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. 5 He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant.

6 And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. 7 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 lodging available for them.

### Luke 2:8-15 The Shepherds and Angels

8 That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. 9 Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, 10 but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. 11 The Savior — yes, the Messiah, the Lord — has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! 12 And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others — the armies of heaven — praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in highest heaven,  
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

15 When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

### Luke 2:16-20

16 They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. 17 After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. 18 All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, 19 but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. 20 The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

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