

## WINTER 2025-26

Unit 1, Session 3

### CONNECTION POINT:

The birth of Jesus is life changing for all people, both now and for eternity.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** The Christmas season is filled with anticipation. Anticipation for something you are looking forward to is filled with hope, but it can also be filled with nervousness. Sometimes what we have in mind is not how it happens. But then the moment or moments arrive. Your anticipation is soon filled with another emotion. It could be excitement, joy, confusion, or something else. But no matter what, the moment is now here—you no longer have to wait.

**LIVE IT OUT:** Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** Luke 2:1-20

**Live It Out:** Keep the focus of Christmas on Jesus. Read the account of Jesus' birth from Luke 2. Provide other books that focus on the birth of Jesus for your child to read and enjoy.

When the ruler to count all the people, Mary and Joseph went to Joseph's hometown of Bethlehem. While in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to have her baby.

Soon Baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped the baby in soft cloths and laid Him in a manger. This was the only place to put Baby Jesus because there were no rooms for them.

In fields nearby, shepherds were watching their sheep. An angel appeared and said, "Do not be afraid. I have good news for you! A baby was born in Bethlehem. He is God's Son. You will find Him lying in a manger." More angels appeared and praised God.

After the angels left, the shepherds decided to go to Bethlehem. They found Baby Jesus lying in the manger, just as the angel had said. The shepherds told everyone what they had seen and heard. They praised God for Baby Jesus.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Luke 2:1-20

**Live It Out:** Discuss the meaning of the word Savior. Tell your child to write Savior down the left side of a paper. Help him write words about Jesus a savior that begin with each letter.

Caesar Augustus, the emperor, commanded for people to be counted in their hometowns. Joseph and Mary traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be counted.

Joseph found a safe place, where animals were kept. Mary gave birth to her son. She wrapped Him in cloths and laid Him in a manger.

Outside the city, shepherds were in the fields watching their sheep. An angel appeared before the shepherds, and a bright light shone all around them. The shepherds were terrified!

The angel told the shepherds about the born baby, the Savior of the world! Angels began to praise God, singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to the blessed."

The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem. They the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in the manger. The shepherds were excited and told everyone they met about the baby.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Luke 2:1-20

- How does Jesus's birth provide us hope? How does it change the way we view life on this side of eternity?
- The shepherds' fear was soon replaced with joy. How do we find joy in Christ?
- What does encountering Jesus lead us to do? What should our response be?

**Live It Out:** This week, think about one way you could bring joy to someone or a group of people. Discuss the idea with your family and come up with a plan to bring joy to a neighbor or a person in your church. What need does this person have? How can you meet that need and bring him or her joy?