1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

2. What does this story teach me about myself?

3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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JESUS WAS BORN
Matthew 1; Luke 2; John 1

WHAT DID JESUS DO TO SAVE US?
JESUS LIVED A SINLESS LIFE, DIED ON THE CROSS, AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

One day, an angel told Mary she was going to have a very special baby. The angel explained, "This baby will be God's Son." Then an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. Her baby was put there by the Holy Spirit. Name Him Jesus because He will save His people from their sins!"

Mary and Joseph lived in the town of Nazareth. The Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus, announced that everyone needed to return to their own towns and be registered for a census. Since Joseph was a descendant of King David, he and Mary traveled to Bethlehem, the city of David.
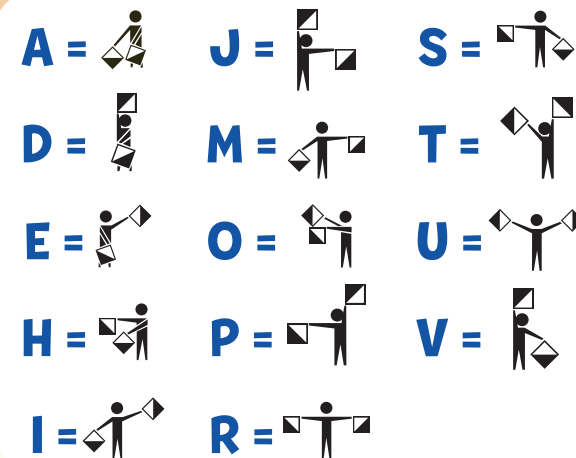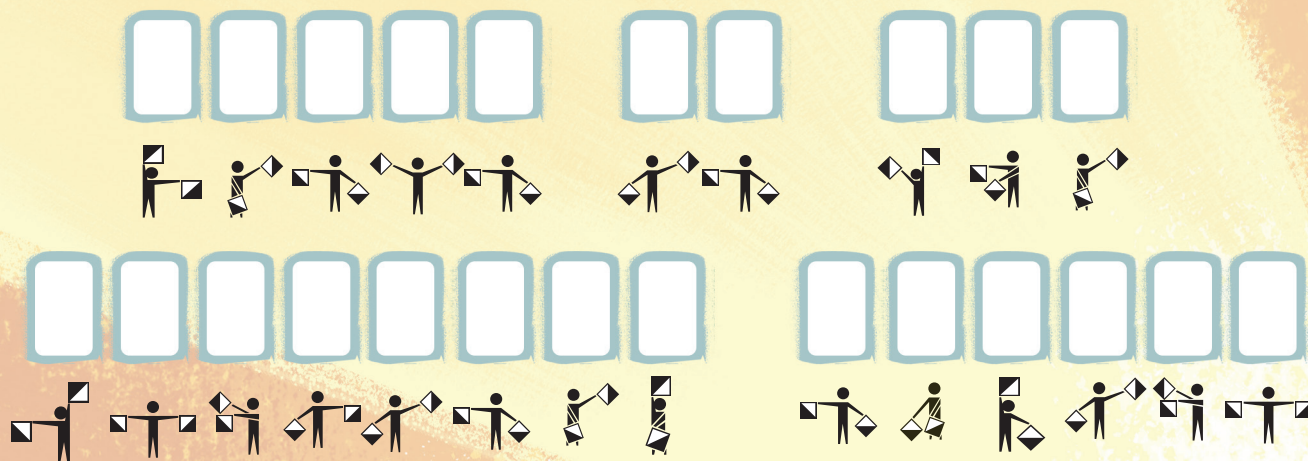
The time came for Mary to have her baby. Mary and Joseph looked for a safe place to stay, but every place was full. So Mary and Joseph found a place where animals were kept, and that is where Mary had her baby. Joseph named Him Jesus.

That night, some shepherds were watching over their sheep in the fields near Bethlehem. Suddenly, an angel stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them. The angel said, "I have very good news for you and for all the people: Today a Savior, who is the Messiah and the Lord, was born for you in the city of David."

The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. Then the shepherds went and told others about the baby Jesus.

Christ Connection: The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He is God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus, the promised Savior, came into the world to show us what God is like and to deliver us from sin and death.

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What's the Good News? | Use the decoder to reveal the good news.

[Decoder puzzle with semaphore flag symbols]

Decoder key:
A = , J = , S =
D = , M = , T =
E = , O = , U =
H = , P = , V =
I = , R =

Fulfilled in Jesus | Use your Bible to look up and read the following verses.
Then match the Old Testament reference to its New Testament fulfillment.

2 SAMUEL 7:16   MATTHEW 1:22-23

ISAIAH 7:14   MATTHEW 2:1

MICAH 5:2   LUKE 1:32-33