

Jesus Brings Joy

"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior...has been born" (Luke 2:10-11).

Fun Fact

Contrary to cute Christmas pageant costumes, Luke 2 doesn't mention angels' halos or wings. But it was still an out-of-this world experience! Check out the details given as you reread Luke 2:9-14.

Have you ever felt like you should feel joy? Perhaps it's the Christmas season, and beautiful music, twinkling lights, and happy children are all around. But you feel sad. Or it's springtime! Flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, and your heart is breaking. In those moments, you may not feel joy. But, child of God, you still have it.

Search a dictionary and you'll see that the word *joy* has a variety of definitions, including "a source or cause of delight." For God's children, Jesus is the source of great joy. In other words, joy is a delightful gift from Jesus!

In Luke 2:10-11, the angel announced that joy had arrived because Jesus was born. When shepherds were scared, they had joy. When Joseph felt stress, he had joy. When Mary felt tired, she had joy. Why? Because Jesus was there. The Savior of the world had arrived. And he's still with people today—including your family.

Think & Talk

Other than your friendship with Jesus, what's one thing that brought you joy today?

Read & Do

Read Luke 2:19. When you treasure something, you hold it lovingly in your heart. Find something in your home that you treasure. Show it to your family, and tell why you treasure it.

Say & Pray

Thank God for the things you treasure. Then thank God for sending Jesus—the greatest treasure of all!

Color the word "JOY." After you've colored each letter, jump like the person on the letter!

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