

## LESSON 18 | A Savior Is Born

**Bible Basis:** Matthew 2:1 – 12; Luke 1:26 – 38; 2:1 – 20, 25 – 38

**Bible Verse:** Matthew 1:21: “She is going to have a son. You must give him the name Jesus. That is because he will save his people from their sins.”

**Bible Point:** God sent his Son to save the world. Jesus is my Savior.

**Resource:** *The Beginner’s Bible*

- “An Angel Visits Mary” (pages 266 – 270)
- “Baby Jesus Is Born” (pages 271 – 276)
- “Shepherds Visit” (pages 277 – 281)
- “Simeon and Anna Meet Baby Jesus” (pages 282 – 285)
- “The Bright Star and Three Visitors” (pages 286 – 290)

### How to use This Page

This week, you can read the stories listed above in *The Beginner’s Bible* several times to help your child remember them. Use the Table Talk questions below to start a discussion around the dinner table, while driving in the car, or just about anywhere. The Living Faith activity is designed as a drama to help your child remember the Bible lesson. The Extra Mile provides interactive ways for your child to connect with the story.

### TABLE TALK

1. How do you think Mary felt when the angel appeared to her? (*Scared, excited, surprised, etc.*)
2. How do you think Simeon and Anna knew that Jesus was the Savior? (*God told them. Simeon and Anna recognized that Jesus was the Savior God had promised to send.*)
3. What was Herod’s trick? Why did he tell the Wise Men he wanted to worship Jesus? (*Herod wanted to trick the Wise Men into finding Jesus for him. If Herod had said that he wanted to hurt Jesus, the Wise Men wouldn’t have gone to find Jesus.*)
4. If you could have brought a gift to baby Jesus, what would it have been?

### LIVING FAITH

Have your child select one of the Bible stories from this week and act it out for you as you read the story aloud from *The Beginner’s Bible*. There are many starring roles for an angel in these stories. Cut holes in an old pillowcase to make an angel’s robe. Use pipe cleaners or a fancy headband for a halo. If you have costume wings, use those as well. The garage or driveway is a perfect place to set up a stable and to ride a donkey or camels (bikes). A simple box or toy cradle can serve as the manger. Of course, you’ll need a baby doll wrapped in blankets.

When you come to the place(s) in the story where a Bible character speaks, instruct your child what to say. If possible, have your child perform the Bible drama for other family members in person, via Skype, or using a video camera.

### EXTRA MILE

- The birth of a child is an exciting event! Tell about your child’s own birth. Explain how you chose the name. Show pictures and the baby book, if you have one.
- Remind your child that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus’ birth. Plan a birthday party for Jesus to be held this Christmas. Let your child choose food, decorations, and games. Decide who to invite and use a computer or craft paper to make invitations.

- The Wise Men worshiped Jesus by giving him gifts of gold and spices. We can't give Jesus physical gifts, but we can worship him through giving. Write "Worshiping Jesus" at the top of a piece of paper. Draw a line down the middle and label one side "Give to Jesus" and the other "Give to Others." Have your child help you think of ideas for each side of the chart. "Give to Jesus" gifts might include money (tithe), praise, attention, time, obedience, or a song. "Give to Others" gifts can include physical gifts such as food and blankets. Post the list in your home as a reminder to worship God through giving.
- Have a Christmas sing-along! This is especially fun to do during an off-season. Play meaningful favorites like "Joy to the World" and "Away in a Manger." If you have a child's set of musical instruments, let your child play along!