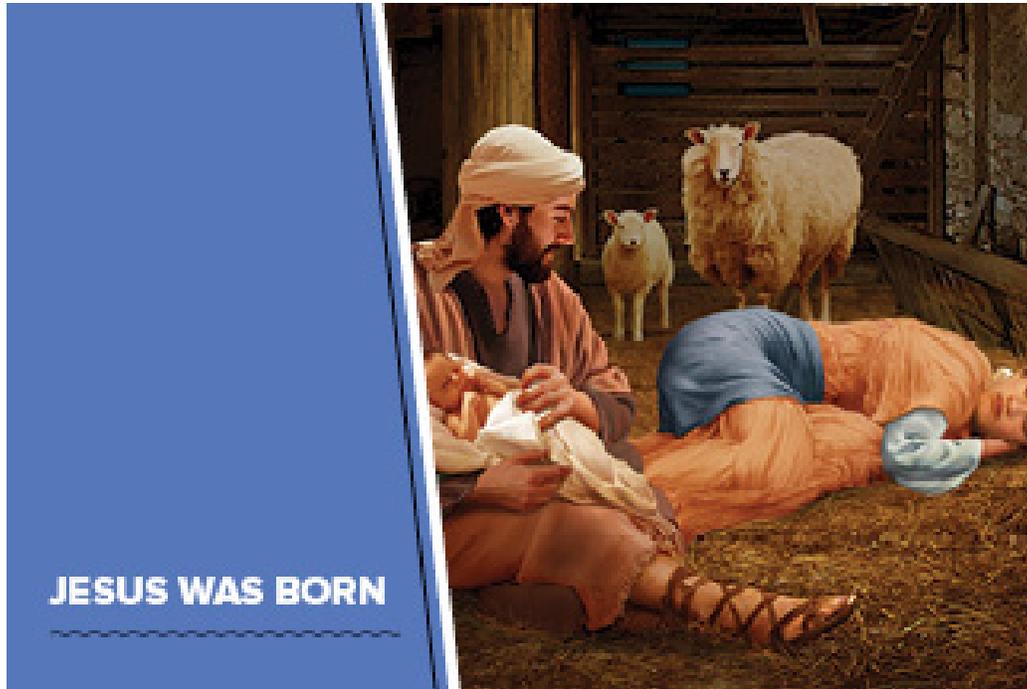




Family Worship Experience

- READ THE SCRIPTURE -



JESUS WAS BORN

Read Luke 2:1-20 from your Bible or from below.

The emperor of Rome wanted a count of the people in his empire. He ordered everyone to go to their hometowns to register and be counted.

Joseph traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem because he was from the family of David. Joseph traveled with Mary who was about to have a baby. Because many people came for the counting, Mary and Joseph could not find any place to stay but a stable for shelter. While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Jesus. Mary wrapped the baby tightly in soft cloths and laid him in a manger.

Nearby, shepherds watched over their sheep in the field at night. An angel came to them. God's glory shone all around and the shepherds were afraid. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I bring good news of great joy to everyone. Today in Bethlehem, a Savior was born for you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. This sign will help you find him: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in soft cloths in a manger."

The sky soon filled with many angels praising God. "Glory to God in the highest heaven. Peace on earth to people he favors!" When the angels left, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to see what had happened. They found Baby Jesus in the manger. The shepherds told Mary and Joseph what they had seen and heard. Everyone was amazed. Mary kept all these memories in her heart and mind to think about.

The shepherds went back to their fields. They praised God for all the things they had seen and heard that happened just as they were told.



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-TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE-

Say: *Do you have a favorite Christmas song? It might be something festive like “Jingle Bells” or “Feliz Navidad.” Perhaps it is a song about the birth of Jesus such as “Silent Night” or “O Holy Night.” It could be a song that tells others about the birth of Jesus such as “Go Tell It on the Mountain.” No matter what songs you like to sing at Christmas, when we sing to God, we are praising Him for who He is and what He has done.*

The Christmas story is most likely a familiar one to many of us. Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem to be counted in a census. Bethlehem was very crowded at the time, so the only place they could find to stay was a stable. While there, Mary gave birth to Jesus. The King of the World, Jesus, was born in a simple stable and laid in a manger.

This news was too good to be kept secret, though. God sent angels to shepherds who were taking care of sheep nearby. An angel told them that the Savior had been born and where they could find Him. The angels praised God, and the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to find Jesus.

After they returned to their fields that night, they praised God for the gift of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

The birth of Jesus isn't just good news—it's the greatest news of all. God sent His only Son to earth as a baby. That same Son would one day die on a cross to save us from our sins. As you sing Christmas songs about Jesus this December, think about the wonderful gift of Jesus. This great news is definitely something to sing about!

Preschool Life Point: *God sent Jesus to earth as a baby.*

Kids Life Point: *Jesus' birth was part of God's plan for salvation.*

Preschool Review Questions:

1. Why was Jesus born in a stable?
2. Who did the angels tell about the birth of Jesus?

Kids Review Questions:

1. Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?
2. What did the angels tell the shepherds?
3. What is one way you can praise God for the gift of His Son, Jesus?

Pray: *God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to earth. Thank You that He provided a way for us to be saved from our sins. Because of Jesus, we can be part of Your family forever. Amen.*



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- LEARN SCRIPTURE -

The weekly Bible verse below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



PRESCHOOL (paraphrase): God loved us and sent His Son. *1 John 4:10*

KIDS: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. *John 3:17*



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- SING -

Sing a *Bible Studies for Life* song or one of your family's favorite worship songs.