

**MAKE UP PACKET - SESSION 4**  
**WORSHIP & CHRISTMAS**  
December 2018

Student's Name:

**The Goal of This Session:**

The purpose of this session is to help the student

1. understand that God always fulfills his covenant (promises).
2. understand that God told his people through prophecy that a Savior would come - and exactly how it would happen.
3. understand the specific events surrounding Jesus' birth according to Scripture.

**Directions for Completing This Make Up Packet:**

1. Read each of the sections of scripture and answer the questions written after each reading. The questions coordinate with the reading of the same title.
2. Take the "Christmas Quiz". You can use your Bible to research any and all of the answers. This Quiz is a little tricky. Sometimes the answer will seem like it's the right one, but it isn't according to Scripture. The correct answers come from Scripture, not what popular culture puts forth as the "story" of Christmas.
3. Complete the "Family Discussion Guide" which is the normal work to be done at home between class sessions. This Guide is to be completed by the student and a parent. Instructions are on the Guide.

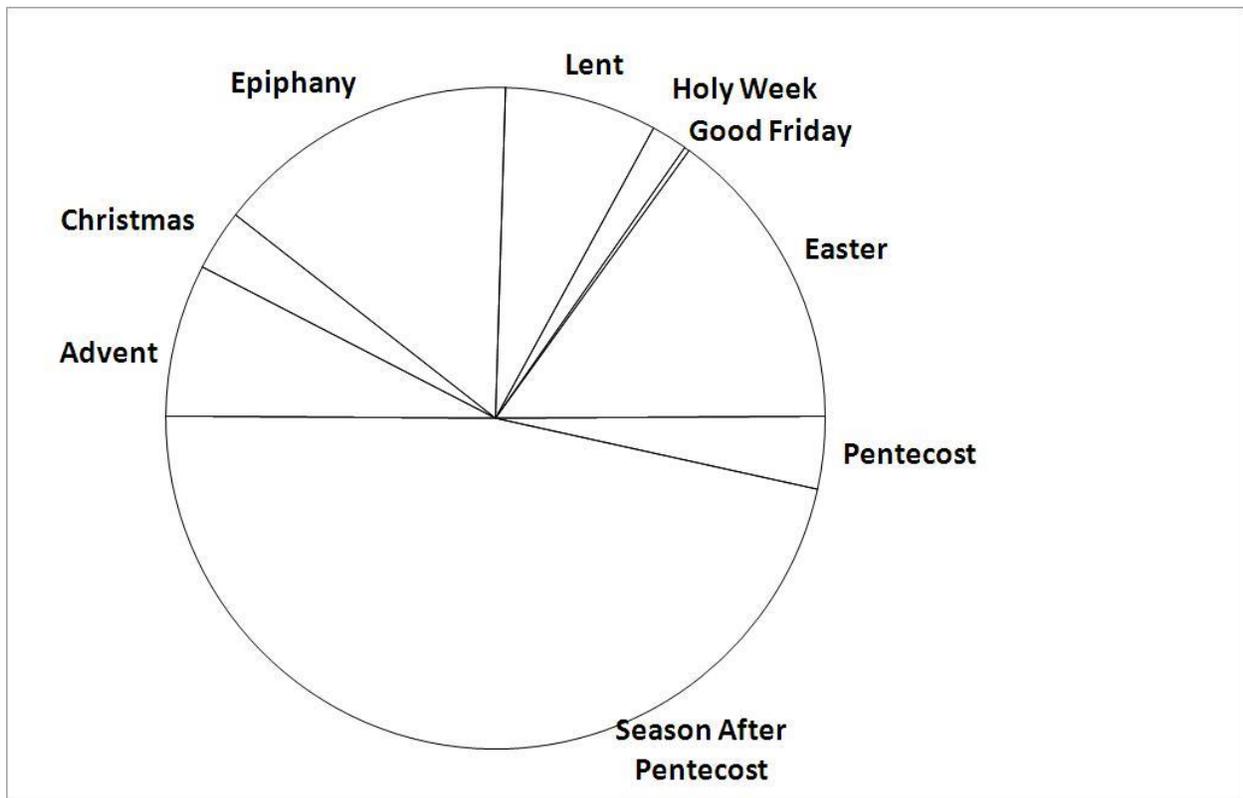
**The Make Up Packet is to be completed before the next regular class session. If an extension is needed, please speak with DCE Anna.**

**NEXT CLASS SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR January 19, 2019 - 10 AM - 2 PM**

## THE CHURCH YEAR

Each season of the church year utilizes a specific color that is symbolic for the season. On the diagram below, color the listed color to the specific season of the Church year. The list of seasons and colors is listed for you below.

Advent - blue  
Christmas - white  
Epiphany - green  
Lent - purple  
Holy Week - red  
Good Friday - black  
Easter - white  
Pentecost - red  
Season after Pentecost - green



What do these seasons mean?

### Advent

- Hope, anticipation, preparation
- A time of preparation for the coming of Christ, both at Christmas and at his second coming in the future.

## **Christmas**

- Divinity, eternity, purity, light and joy
- Celebrating the “tidings of great joy” which tell us the Savior of the world was born in Bethlehem

## **Epiphany**

- Joy, awe, divinity, purity
- A time of great rejoicing and gladness because the Light of the World is revealed to the nations

## **Lent**

- Repentance, preparation, sorrow
- As we prepare for Easter, Lent is a time for repentance and reflection on Jesus’ journey to the cross

## **Holy Week**

- Royalty, passion
- Holy week begins with Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem and ends with his humiliation at the hands of the Romans

## **Good Friday**

- Death, sorrow
- Good Friday is a time set apart to recognize Jesus’ death on the cross for the sins of the world

## **Easter**

- Perfection, celebration, joy, riches, glory
- Having conquered sin and Satan, the risen Lord guarantees victory for us over death and the grave!

## **Pentecost**

- Zeal, fire
- On this day the Risen lord sent his Holy Spirit to the chosen twelve and the one Holy Christian church came into being

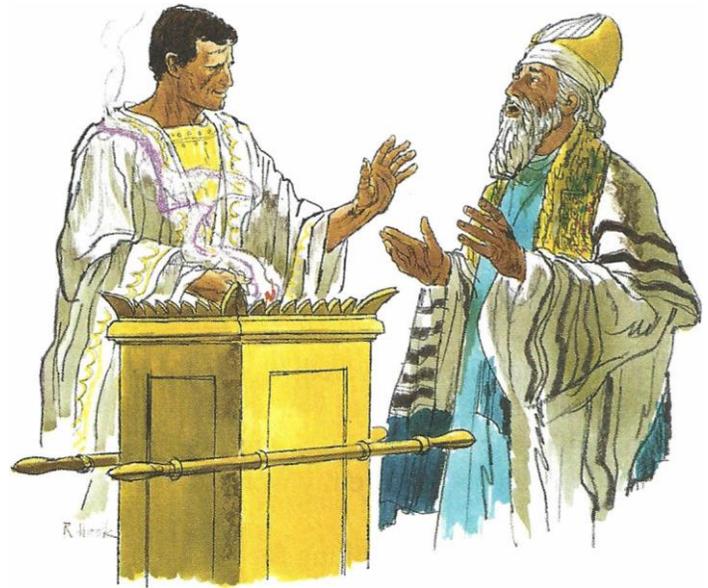
## **Time after Pentecost**

- Life, refreshment, regeneration
- Focuses on the teaching of the Lord and its application to the life of Christians

## 1. Zacharias

Luke 1:5-23

**The Parents of John the Baptist.** In the days of Herod, the king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias<sup>1</sup>, a member of the division of priests named after Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron and was named Elisabeth. They were both righteous before God, following all the commandments of the Lord blamelessly. They had no children because Elisabeth was barren. Now they both were very old.



**The Message of Gabriel.** Once while Zacharias was serving in his priestly office before God, he was chosen by lot, as was the custom, to burn incense in the temple of the Lord. A great many people were praying outside while he was burning the incense. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared to him and stood at the right side of the altar of incense. When he saw the angel, Zacharias was startled and filled with fear.

Then the angel said to him, "Fear not, Zacharias, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife, Elisabeth, will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. He will be great in the Lord's eyes and will not drink wine or any other liquor. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even while he is in his mother's womb. He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before Him with the spirit and power of Elijah and turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the disobedient he will turn toward the wisdom of the righteous, preparing the people for the Lord."

**Zacharias Stricken Dumb.** Then Zacharias said to the angel, "How can I know this for sure? I am an old man, and my wife is very old also."

"I am Gabriel," the angel answered. "I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and tell you this good news. Now listen! You will not be able to speak until the day that all this happens because you did not believe my words, for they will happen at their proper time."

Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zacharias and were surprised that he would stay such a long time in the temple. When he came out, he could not speak to them. Everyone soon realized that he had seen a vision in the temple because he made motions to them but wasn't able to speak. As soon as the days of his service in the temple were completed, he returned home.

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<sup>1</sup> Some texts translate this as Zechariah.

## ZACHARIAS

The following questions relate to the reading “1. Zacharais.”  
After reading the chapter, answer the following questions.

1. What kind of people were Zacharias and Elizabeth?
2. Summarize the message the angel delivered to Zacharias.
3. According to the angel, what was to be John’s mission in life?
4. What problem did Zacharias foresee with the angel’s message?
5. For doubting his message, what sign did the angel give Zacharias?

## 2. The Annunciation

Luke 1:25-56; Matthew 1:18-24

**The Angel's Greeting.** In the sixth month of Elisabeth's pregnancy the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

The angel came to her and said, "Rejoice! A great favor has been given to you. The Lord is with you. Among all women, you are one who is greatly blessed."

When she saw the angel, she was troubled by what was said. She wondered what this greeting meant.

**The Annunciation.** "Fear not, Mary," the angel said to her. "You have been favored by God. Listen! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God shall give Him the throne of His father David, and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever. His kingdom shall never end."

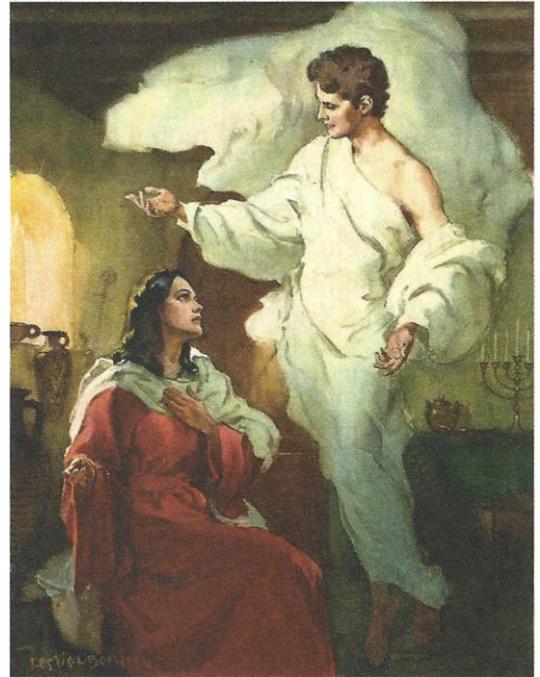
"How shall this be?" Mary asked the angel. "I am not living with a husband."

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you. That is why the Holy One who shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God. Listen! Your cousin Elisabeth has also conceived a son in her old age. She was called barren, but this is the sixth month of her pregnancy. With God nothing is impossible."

Then Mary said, "I am a servant of the Lord. May it happen to me according to what you have said."

Then the angel left her.

**Mary with Elisabeth.** Soon afterwards Mary hurried away into the hill country, to a city of Judea, went to the house of Zacharias, and greeted Elisabeth. When Elisabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby she was carrying leaped in her womb, and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. "Blessed are you among women," she shouted with a loud voice, "and blessed is the child in your womb! Why should I be so blessed that the mother of my Lord should come to visit me? As soon as I heard your greeting, my baby leaped in my womb for joy. Blessed are you who believed all those things that the Lord told you would happen."



**Mary's Song of Praise (the Magnificat<sup>2</sup>).** Then Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior. He has looked with kindness on the humble state of His servant. Behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed, because the Mighty One has done great things to me. Holy is His name. His mercy is on all who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm. He has scattered those who are proud in their heart. He has pushed down the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. He has helped His servant Israel, remembering His mercy, just as He promised to our fathers, to Abraham, and to His descendants forever."

Mary stayed with Elisabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

**Joseph Takes Mary as His Wife.** Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they were married she was found to be expecting the child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph, being a just man, did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he thought he would divorce her privately. While he was thinking about these things, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife. She has conceived the child by the power of the Holy Spirit. She shall give birth to a son, and you shall name Him Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins."

All of this happened so that what was spoken of by the Lord through the prophet-"Behold, a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which means, 'God with us' "-might happen. Then Joseph awakened from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord had told him. He took Mary as his wife, and he did not have sexual relations with her until after she had given birth to her firstborn son, and Joseph named Him Jesus.

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<sup>2</sup> Mary's song is called the Magnificat because the opening word of her song in the Latin version is *magnificat*, which means "make great" or magnify the Lord.



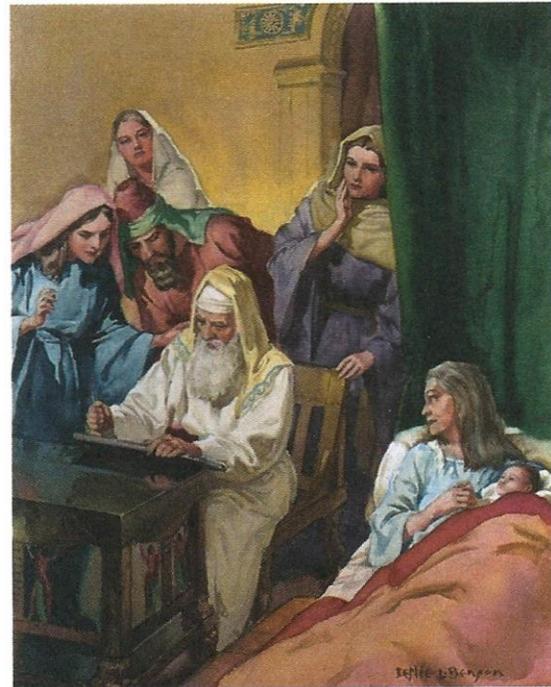
### 3. The Birth of John the Baptist

Luke 1:57-80

**John Named.** When Elisabeth gave birth to a son, her neighbors and her cousins heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day after the birth they all came for the circumcision of the child. They wanted to name him Zacharias, after his father, but his mother said, "No! He shall be called John."

"None of your relatives has that name," they said to her. Then they made signs to his father, asking him what he wanted to name the baby. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John."

Everyone was surprised. Just then Zacharias opened his mouth; his speech returned, and he praised God. Everyone who lived nearby was overawed, and throughout the hill country of Judea everyone was talking about what had happened. They all remembered what happened and said, "What kind of child is this going to be?" It was clear that the Lord was with him.



**Zacharias's Song of Praise (the Benedictus<sup>3</sup>).** Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has come and redeemed His people. He has raised up a horn of salvation<sup>4</sup> for us in the house of His servant David, just as He announced through His holy prophets from the creation of the world that we should be saved from our enemies and from all who hate us. He will give us the mercy promised to our fathers, and He will remember His holy covenant, the oath that He swore to our father Abraham, that He would deliver us from our enemies so that we might serve Him without fear and live in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our lives. You, child, shall be called a prophet of the Most High God, for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him. You will give knowledge of salvation to His people, telling them about the remission of their sins through the tender mercy of our God, who has let the Dayspring from on high come to us to give light to all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death and to guide our feet in the way of peace."

**John's Childhood.** The child grew and became strong in spirit. He lived in the desert until he appeared publicly in Israel.

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<sup>3</sup> Zacharias's song gets its name from the first word of the song in the Latin version, *Benedictus*, which means "blessed be (the Lord)."

<sup>4</sup> The "horn of salvation" is a term that symbolizes strength.

## THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

The following questions relate to the reading “3. The Birth of John the Baptist.” After reading the chapter, answer the following questions.

1. Why did friends and relatives of Zacharias and Elizabeth come to visit them eight days after John the Baptist was born?
2. What controversy arose concerning the naming of the baby?
3. How was this controversy settled?
4. According to Zacharias’s song, what was John the Baptist going to do?

## 4. The Birth of Jesus Christ

Luke 2:1-20

**The Decree of Caesar.** In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus<sup>5</sup> ordering that a census be taken throughout the empire. This was the first census that was taken while Quirinius<sup>6</sup> was governor of Syria. Everyone went to the town of their ancestors to register. Joseph also went from Nazareth, in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was a descendant in the house and lineage of David. He went to register with Mary, his espoused wife, who was great with child.



**Jesus Born in Bethlehem.** While they were there, the time came for her baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first son, wrapped Him in swaddling clothes<sup>7</sup> and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

**The Announcement to the Shepherds.** Nearby, shepherds were staying in the fields keeping watch over their flocks that night. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified.

The angel said to them, "Fear not! Listen! I bring you Good News that means great joy for all people. The Savior is born this day in the city of David. He is Christ the Lord. This is how you will know Him. You shall find this baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of angels praising God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth there is peace and good will toward all people."<sup>8</sup>

**The Shepherd's Adoration.** When the angels had gone away from them to heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby was lying in a manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the Good News that had been told them about this child. Everyone who heard the news wondered about everything that the shepherds told them, but Mary treasured all these things and meditated on them in her heart. The shepherds returned to their flocks and continued glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen. Everything was just as the angel had told them.

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<sup>5</sup> Caesar Augustus was the first Roman emperor; he ruled from 31 BC to AD 14.

<sup>6</sup> Quirinius probably served in this office two terms, the first from 6-4 BC. A census was taken in each term; the second census is referred to Acts 5:37.

<sup>7</sup> Swaddling clothes consisted of strips of cloth, three or four inches wide and several feet long, that were wound around an infant to keep it warm.

<sup>8</sup> The song of the angels is known as the Gloria in Excelsis Deo, the first words in the Latin version.

## THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

The following questions relate to the reading “4. The Birth of Jesus Christ.”  
After reading the chapter, answer the following questions.

1. Why did God give His Son to be our Savior (see John 3:16)?
2. What was the purpose of Mary and Joseph’s trip to Bethlehem?
3. How did Mary react to all of these events?
4. Why did the Son of God come into the world (Galatians 4:4)?

## 6. The Wise Men from the East and the Flight to Egypt

Matthew 2: 1-23b

**The Appearance of the Star.** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, during the time when Herod was king, Wise Men came from the east to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is He who is born King of the Jews? We have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

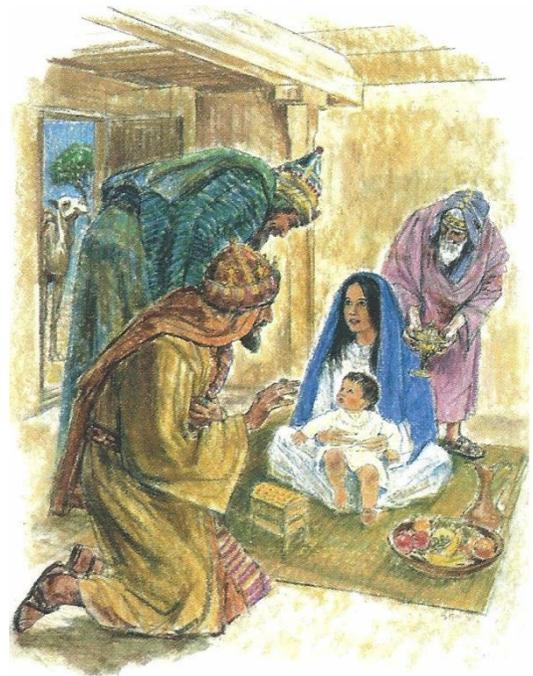
When Herod heard these things, he was troubled. Then all Jerusalem was troubled also. After gathering all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, Herod demanded to know from them where the Christ was to be born.

"In Bethlehem of Judea," they said to him, "for this is what was written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the princes of Judah, for from you shall come a Shepherd who will lead My people Israel.'"<sup>9</sup>

Then Herod secretly called the Wise Men together and urgently questioned them about when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem. "Go and search diligently for the young child," he directed them, "and when you have found Him, report back to me so that I may go and worship Him also."

**The Adoration of the Magi.** After hearing what the king said, they started on their way. The same star that they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with great joy. When they came to the house and saw the young child with Mary, His mother, they knelt down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.<sup>10</sup> Having been warned by God in a dream that they should not go back to Herod, they traveled to their own country another way.

**The Flight to Egypt.** After the Magi had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Quickly take the young child and His mother and go to Egypt," the angel said. "Stay there until I tell you. Herod will be looking for the young child. He wants to kill Him."



<sup>9</sup> Micah 5:2

<sup>10</sup> Frankincense and myrrh are resins obtained from trees that grow in Somalia and the Arabian Peninsula. Both are bitter to taste, but they have a very pleasant aroma when burned. See also John 19:39-40

Joseph got up. That night he took the young child and his mother and left for Egypt. They stayed there until Herod died so that what the Lord had said in these words through the prophet would be fulfilled: "Out of Egypt have I called My Son."<sup>11</sup>

**The Children of Bethlehem Slain.** When Herod realized that he had been outsmarted by the Wise Men, he was furious. He gave orders to kill all the children in Bethlehem and the surrounding area who were two years old or younger, based on what he had learned from the Wise Men when he had questioned them. What had been said by the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: "In Rama voices were heard, lamenting, weeping, and bitterly mourning. Rachel was crying for her children and would not be comforted, because they are no more."<sup>12</sup>

**The Return to Nazareth.** After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. "Get up! Take the young child and His mother and return to the land of Israel. Those who wanted to take the young child's life are dead."

Then Joseph got up and took the young child and His mother to the land of Israel. When he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, Joseph was afraid to go there. When God warned him in a dream, he changed plans and went to Galilee and lived in the town of Nazareth. In this way that which was spoken by the prophets was fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Hosea 11:1

<sup>12</sup> Jeremiah 31:15

<sup>13</sup> Isaiah 11:1. Matthew is probably referring to Jesus as a Branch, which in Hebrew is *neser*.

## THE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST AND THE FLIGHT TO EGYPT

The following questions relate to the reading “6. The Wise Men from the East and the Flight to Egypt.”

After reading the chapter, answer the following questions.

1. How did the Wise Men know that the King of the Jews had been born?
2. What information about the birth of the King of the Jews could the chief priests provide? Where did they get their information?
3. Why did the Wise Men kneel down before Jesus and give him gifts?

## *A Christmas Quiz*

Sometimes our knowledge of the events of Jesus' birth is colored by the children's story books, colorful Christmas cards, and melodious carols we experience at Christmas. But the true source of information about the birth of Jesus the Savior comes from God's Word.

The quiz below is designed for you to find all the right answers in the Bible. Read the passage listed and answer each question. It's almost like taking an "open Book" quiz – and this time the book is the Bible.

### **Matthew 1:18-19**

1. When Mary became pregnant, Mary and Joseph were
  - a. Married
  - b. Just friends
  - c. Pledged to be married
  - d. None of the above
2. When Mary became pregnant,
  - a. Joseph married her
  - b. Joseph wanted to divorce her quietly
  - c. An angel told them to go to Bethlehem

### **Luke 2:1-7**

3. Who directed Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
  - a. Herod
  - b. An angel
  - c. Caesar Augustus
4. The baby Jesus was born in
  - a. An inn
  - b. A cave
  - c. A barn
  - d. Not sure
5. After the baby was born, Mary placed baby Jesus in a
  - a. Bassinet
  - b. Basket
  - c. Manger or feeding trough
6. What animals were present at Jesus' birth?
  - a. Cows, sheep and camels
  - b. Cows, sheep and donkeys
  - c. Lions and tigers and bears
  - d. None were listed in scripture
7. Joseph's ancestors were from
  - a. Jerusalem
  - b. Nazareth
  - c. Bethlehem
  - d. Caesarea

**Luke 2:8-20**

8. What sign were the shepherds to look for?
  - a. A star over the stable
  - b. A baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger
  - c. A barn filled with angels
9. How many angels spoke to the shepherds?
  - d. A multitude
  - e. Two – Gabriel and Michael
  - f. One
  - g. Not sure
10. When the “great company of the heavenly host” appeared with the angel, they said:
  - h. Glory to God in the highest
  - i. And on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests
  - j. Both A & B
11. When the angels left, the shepherds
  - k. Cowered in fear
  - l. Hurried off and found Mary & Joseph and the baby lying in a manger
  - m. They hid and never told anyone else what had happened

**Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12**

12. Who saw the star over Bethlehem?
  - n. Mary & Joseph
  - o. Shepherds
  - p. Three kings
  - q. Magi
13. How many Magi or wise men came to see Jesus?
  - r. Some
  - s. Three
  - t. One
14. When the wise men brought their gifts to Jesus, they found him
  - u. In a manger
  - v. In a house
  - w. In a barn
15. The gifts of the Magi included
  - x. Gold, frankincense & hyssop
  - y. Frankenstein, silver and gold
  - z. Gold, incense & myrrh