

# MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION!

How much time is spent  
in the Bible's bios about Jesus  
describing his actual birth?

- A. An entire book on its own
- B. Four or five chapters
- C. A couple of verses
- D. A few words
- E. It's not mentioned at all!



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<sup>1</sup> At that time, Augustus Caesar sent an order that all people in the countries under Roman rule must list their names in a register.

<sup>2</sup> This was the first registration; it was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

<sup>3</sup> And all went to their own towns to be registered.

## Luke 2 NCV

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph left Nazareth, a town in Galilee, and went to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, known as the town of David.

Joseph went there because he was from the family of David.

<sup>5</sup> Joseph registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was now pregnant.

## Luke 2 NCV

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<sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her first son.

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## Matthew 2:1 *ESV*

Now after Jesus was born  
in Bethlehem of Judea  
in the days of Herod the king,  
behold, wise men from the east  
came to Jerusalem,

## John 1:14 *ESV*

And the Word became flesh  
and dwelt among us

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# CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY

Experience  
the Joy of Living  
and Giving Like Jesus



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and we are around him now!

# ACTION STEP #1

Put Jesus in your Christmas scene!



# Puzzle Eraser Nativity

Glory to God  
in the highest . . .  
Luke 2:14

**Bonus**  
Fold-Out Book  
written by  
Dr. Mary Manz Simon

Follow the Star



9 ERASERS WITH INTERCHANGEABLE PARTS AND FOLD-OUT BOOK

## ACTION STEP #2

Use your returns  
to buy Jesus a gift!

## ACTION STEP #3

THE ROLLING HILLS CHURCH  
OUTREACH CHRISTMAS MARKET  
IS OPEN TONIGHT!

A Long, Global Reach:  
Giving to the world God so loves!



## Rolling Hills Community Church Outreach Christmas Market

Give gifts that keep on giving!

Purchase Gifts

November 27th thru December 25, 2011

### Joseph & Mary

*Struggling parents-to-be, even refugees.*

Family-Life Ministry, RHCC ~ Teaching parents to minister to their children at home.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
World Vision ~ Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children and families.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
Samaritan's Purse ~ Provides aid to victims of war, poverty, natural disaster.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
CROP Walk/Church World Service ~ Raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.	Cards: _____ \$ _____

### Angels

*Spreading the Good News.*

RHCC Bible Fund ~ Distribution of Bibles to visitors and homeless.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
American Bible Society ~ Brings life changing message of the Bible where needed most.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
Biblica ~ Transforming lives through God's Word.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
Gideons ~ Dedicated to Bible distribution and evangelism.	Cards: _____ \$ _____

### Shepherds

*Unemployed, working poor, etc.*

RHCC Food Pantry ~ Provides food to families in our community.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
Hill Country Community Ministries ~ Provides food and clothing for Travis & Williamson counties.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
Samaritan Health ~ Provides low cost healthcare to the uninsured.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
Church Under the Bridge ~ Ministry For the Homeless in Austin.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
Life Long Friends ~ Local Animal Adoption Center	Cards: _____ \$ _____

### Wisemen & Herod

*International missions, persecuted Christian*

Knit-A-Square ~ South Africa Children's Blanket Project	Cards: _____ \$ _____
Timothy Stains Memorial Children's Home and Orphanage in Madurai, South India	Cards: _____ \$ _____
Voice of the Martyrs ~ Aiding Christians around the world being persecuted for their faith in Christ.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
Invisible Children Uganda ~ working with youth affected by Africa's longest running war.	Cards: _____ \$ _____

### Baby Jesus

*Infants and childrens ministries.*

RHCC Youth Programs ~ VBS, TreeHouse, Roots Troop, Planet Youth	Cards: _____ \$ _____
Hope Connections Pregnancy Center ~ Provides Services for Unplanned Pregnancy.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
RHEEEP ~ Rolling Hills Early Education Scholarship Fund.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
Any Baby Can ~ Provides crisis management for families with critically ill or disabled children.	Cards: _____ \$ _____

### Inn Keepers

*Hospitality ministries to travelers, homeless, refugees, etc.*

Ronald MacDonald House ~ Provides comfort and care to children and their families during illness.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
Seton League House ~ Provides families a place to stay while loved ones are hospitalized.	Cards: _____ \$ _____
Safe Place Shelter ~ Provides shelter and assistance to abused women and children.	Cards: _____ \$ _____

SHOPPERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check to RHCC and note "OCM." Attach check to the shopping list and place in envelope.  
Donations are tax deductible.

## ACTION STEP #4

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Bay Area Builder's Association:

Build the baby boy a home











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... namely, His deliverance!



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