

4 year olds, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade Bible Lesson

Jesus was Born

Luke 2:1-20

Story Point: Jesus was born to rescue people from sin.

Memory Verse: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1

Big Picture: Is Jesus God or a human?
Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

Bible Activity Sheet: (Find What is Hiding activity page)

What You Do:

- Use the key and find/circle the hidden items.

PARENTS ONLY: Bible Study Guide

After the angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah and predicted the birth of John—the forerunner of the Messiah—he appeared to Mary and predicted that she too would have a baby. This baby would be named Jesus, and He would be God’s Son. “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High ... His kingdom will have no end,” Gabriel said. (See Luke 1:32-33.) Mary visited Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John. Inside the womb, John leaped for joy in the presence of Mary’s unborn baby.

Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth. When Caesar Augustus called for a census, they traveled to Bethlehem—the very place the Messiah was prophesied to be born. (Micah 5:2) There, in a stable, God the Son entered the world as a baby.

Imagine the shepherds’ surprise when an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared. The Bible says that they were terrified! But the angel brought them good news: “Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord” (Luke 2:11). This Savior—the long-awaited deliverer and redeemer—had come.

Not only did Jesus come into the world as the Savior, He came as our King. Some time after Jesus’ birth, wise men came to worship Jesus. They brought Him gifts suitable for a king—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Jesus is the King who will rule forever, just as God promised King David. (See 2 Sam. 7.)

When you share this story with kids, remind them that Jesus came because we needed Him. The purpose of Jesus’ birth was twofold: to bring glory to God and to make peace between God and those who trust in Jesus’ death and resurrection. Celebrating the birth of Jesus is about rejoicing over the greatest gift we could ever receive. God’s own Son came to earth to be our Savior and our King.

Introduction to Bible Story:

“Today, our Bible story is about the birth of Jesus. When do we usually celebrate Jesus’ birth? That’s right – in December around Christmas. It might seem a little odd that we are talking about it now, but there’s never a wrong time to celebrate God’s faithfulness in sending a perfect Savior to rescue us from sin.”

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2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. **2** (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. **5** He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, **14** “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” **15** When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. **17** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, **18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. **20** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Review Questions:

- Where place did Mary and Joseph travel to? (*Bethlehem*)
- Where did Mary and Joseph stay in Bethlehem? (*in a place where animals were kept*)
- Who appeared to the shepherds in the field? (*an angel, angels*)
- What was the angel’s message? (*Today a Savior was born for you.*)

Lesson Discussion:

“When Jesus was born, it was somewhat unexpected. If it hadn’t been for the angels proclaiming the news to shepherds, only Mary and Joseph would have known the Messiah had come!”

“God had planned all along to send His Son to earth as a human baby. God knew His people would sin and they needed to be rescued. Jesus lived a sinless life on earth. He kept God’s law perfectly so that one day He could take the punishment for our sins. Jesus was born to rescue people from their sins. Jesus was God’s promised Savior.”

Christ Connection – (all stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus)

“Jesus was born! This was very good news! Jesus was not like other babies. Jesus is God’s Son. God sent Jesus to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to rescue people from their sins.”

“When Baby Jesus was born in Bethlehem, God the Son came from Heaven to earth to live with His people. Even though He was God, Jesus got hungry and cried. His mother Mary probably rocked Jesus to sleep and sang to Him.”

Memory Verse”

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

John 1:1

What You Do:

- Read the memory verse to your child.
- Say the memory verse again asking your child to repeat after you.
- Repeat the memory verse together several times.

What You Say:

“**The Word** in our memory verse is Jesus. Jesus was with God when the world was made, and Jesus came to live on earth to rescue people from sin.”

Craft – (Manger scenes)

- Color the manger scene.

Prayer

“Thank You God for sending Jesus to rescue us from sin. Help us to share the good news of Jesus to other people. We love You, Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”