

Stop

at Bible Class

Look

at Jesus' Works

Listen

to Jesus' Words



Lesson 2

Jesus is Here!

Theme: Faith—Believing in Jesus who came into the world

Memory Verse

“Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. The news about Him spread ... [and] large crowds followed Him.” Matthew 4:23-25

After this lesson you should be able to ...

- Describe the events of Jesus' birth
- Describe how people responded to Jesus' birth — citizens of Bethlehem, shepherds, Simeon, Anna, and magi

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday	Matthew 1:18-25
Friday	Luke 2:1-20
Saturday	Matthew 2:1-3, 7-16, 19-23
Monday	Luke 2:22, 25-32, 36-52
Tuesday	John 1:1-4, 14-18

Mary was a young, unmarried woman who served God. Of all women in the world, God chose Mary to give birth to His Son, Jesus. Joseph and Mary were planning to get married when Joseph learned Mary was going to have a baby. An angel came to him to explain that God gave the baby to Mary. The angel told Joseph to take Mary as his wife as he had planned. When the baby was born, Joseph was to call him Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25

When Mary was going to have a baby that was not Joseph's baby, why did Joseph go ahead and marry her?

- Mary's parents talked him into it
- Mary told him about the Holy Spirit's baby
- An angel told him to

Immanuel means _____.





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Luke 2:1-20

Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem?

How did the shepherds learn about Jesus' birth?

What did the shepherds do after they visited Mary, Joseph, and Jesus?

- gave Him gifts
- glorified and praised Him
- asked to hold Him

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wrapped in strips of cloth, and laid in a manger — a box where animals ate. Jesus was God's Son. One of the greatest events of all time was when God was born as a baby and became man! What did people do when this happened?

No Room in the Inn

The Roman emperor Caesar Augustus took a census, which means counting the people in his empire. The emperor commanded that each person be counted in his hometown. Joseph took Mary and made the eighty mile trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be counted. While Mary and

Joseph were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to give birth. Bethlehem was crowded and there was no room for them in the inn or hotel. Joseph and Mary found a place in a stable, and this is where Jesus was born. No one in Bethlehem knew that the world's Savior was born. People were busy. God came into the world as a baby, and hardly anyone noticed.

Shepherds Came to Visit

Around Bethlehem, shepherds were in the fields watching their flocks at night. Suddenly, an angel of God stood before them and the Lord's glory shined. The shepherds were afraid. The angel said he had "good news of a great joy which shall be for all people." The good news was that a Savior had been born! At that moment, a group of angels appeared and praised God.

When the angels left, the shepherds went straight to Bethlehem to see the One whom the angel had announced. They told Joseph and Mary what the angel had told them. The shepherds then went back to work praising God.

Matthew 2:1-3, 7-16, 19-23

What did the magi or wise men do when they saw Mary's child, Jesus?

- took Him to the temple
- worshiped Him
- blessed Him

Matching: When Herod tried to kill Jesus:

God	killed all baby boys in Bethlehem
Joseph	spoke to Jesus' father
Herod	took Jesus to Egypt



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SLOW DOWN TO THINK

Remember the new coach from the last lesson? After he starts coaching the team, some players don't pay attention to him. Some are glad he is there. Some realize he is a great coach and listen to every word he says. You really like your old coach, but teachers keep telling you how great the new one is. What will you do? How will you act? How does this make you think about Jesus?

GO FOR THE BIBLE FACTS

Write Genesis 1:1 from memory.

What book of the Bible is about suffering for Jesus?

On a map inside the back cover, locate the city of Caesarea.

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Luke 2:22, 25-32, 36-52

Matching: During Jesus' two visits to the temple, what happened?

Anna	blessed and thanked God
The teachers	were amazed and frightened
Simeon	gave thanks to God
Mary & Joseph	amazed at His understanding

Simeon and Anna Thanked God

Joseph and Mary took baby Jesus to Jerusalem to do what the Law commanded about the birth of a child. In Jerusalem, a good man named Simeon came to the temple to see Jesus. Simeon had been looking a long time for the Christ — God's anointed One. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and thanked God for Him. While Mary and Joseph had baby Jesus at the temple, Anna also visited them. Anna was eighty-four years old and had spent most of her life serving at the temple. She knew about Jesus and came up and thanked God for Him. Good people were thankful for Jesus.

Wise Men Came to Worship

Wise men or magi came to King Herod in Jerusalem, looking for Jesus. They had seen a star in the east directing them to the King of the Jews. Since Herod was king in Judea, he was upset to hear about another king and tried to kill Jesus. When the magi found Jesus, they worshiped Him and gave Him expensive gifts fit for a king. Evil Herod tried to kill Jesus, but wise men looked for Him and worshiped Him.

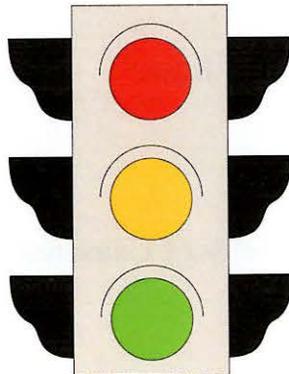
John 1:1-4, 14-18

John begins his Gospel by writing what three things about the Word? The Word was:

Who did Jesus reveal or explain that no one had ever seen?

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When people ask me about Jesus or His church, I am happy and thankful to tell them.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — hardly ever

Yellow — sometimes

Green — always