

Jesus was born

Matthew 2:1-12 ; Luke 2:1-20

Unit 19, Lesson 3

What we learned

The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He is God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to save people from sin and to be their King forever. With Thanksgiving coming, we can be most grateful that Jesus came.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Mary and Joseph had to travel very far because Emperor Caesar was counting people in their hometowns. God had planned ahead for Jesus to be born in Bethlehem (the city of David) because Joseph was in King David's family tree.**
 - Since God made an old prophecy about where the Messiah would be born come true, does that mean we can trust His promises to us?
 - Every room was full so Jesus was born where they kept the animals. Would you expect our King Jesus to be born in a castle or in a manger where animals eat?
 - If God can do something so important and so beautiful in such a stinky place, does that mean God is powerful enough to turn bad things into good things?
- 2. Last week we learned that Mary praised God after the angel told her about baby Jesus. Now we know that an angel also told shepherds in the fields about Jesus.**
 - At first, the shepherds were scared of the angel, but then they visited baby Jesus and were so happy that they praise God and told others about Jesus. When something makes you happy, do you tell others about it? When you tell other people about Jesus, what do you say about Him?
 - Some wise men prepared gifts for Jesus. When the wise men found Jesus, they fell on their knees to worship Him. What are some ways that you worship Jesus?

Memory Verse for this unit

"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners— of whom I am chief."

- 1 Timothy 1:15

Pray Together

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Pray together that God would bring new life and new hope to members of your family, your neighbors, and our city through the Gospel.

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person’s request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

Here is Mary’s prayer from the end of Luke chapter 1 that we can all join in throughout the week: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

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