

THIS WEEK'S STORY:

Jesus Was Born

UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

John 1:1-2 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Is Jesus God or human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

BIBLE PASSAGES:

Read Luke 2

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Why do you think Jesus was born in such a humble way rather than in a palace to a wealthy family? *Guide kids to consider how Jesus can relate to ordinary people because of His upbringing. He gave up His glory and power in heaven to live humbly among people. Jesus' birth reflects how His kingdom's values differ from the world's values. We can boldly and humbly approach His throne in prayer. (Option: read Heb. 4:15-16.)*
2. Why was Jesus' birth good news? *Help kids understand that Jesus came because we needed Him. God showed His love for us by sending His Son into the world. We were separated from God because of our sins, but God was working out His promise to rescue sinners through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. (Option: read John 3:16.)*
3. Why should we tell others about Jesus? *Lead kids to recognize that salvation through Jesus brings the privilege and responsibility of sharing the gospel with the world. God calls us to live as witnesses to the saving power of Jesus—in what we say and how we live. (Option: read Ps. 66:16.)*

APPLY IT

1. What does this story teach me about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me live on mission better?

FOR FUN

Family Christmas Charades
Invite each member of your family to take a turn acting out something they associate with Christmas. Some ideas are angel, shepherd, baby, star, tree, gift, Jesus, candle, ornament, and bell. Get creative and enjoy. Challenge everyone else in the family to guess what is being acted out. Keep score or don't as the goal is just to have fun as a family. While it may seem odd to be acting out "Christmasy" things in September, remind your family that there is no wrong time to celebrate God's faithfulness to send a perfect Savior to rescue us from our sin.

TO SERVE

Since Jesus was the greatest gift to us, consider how you can bless someone else with a gift. Ideas – make cookies or some other type of yummy treat and share them with a neighbor. Other idea – find a family who is in need and put together a food or gift basket for them. Be creative as a family and come up with an idea to bless someone with a great gift!