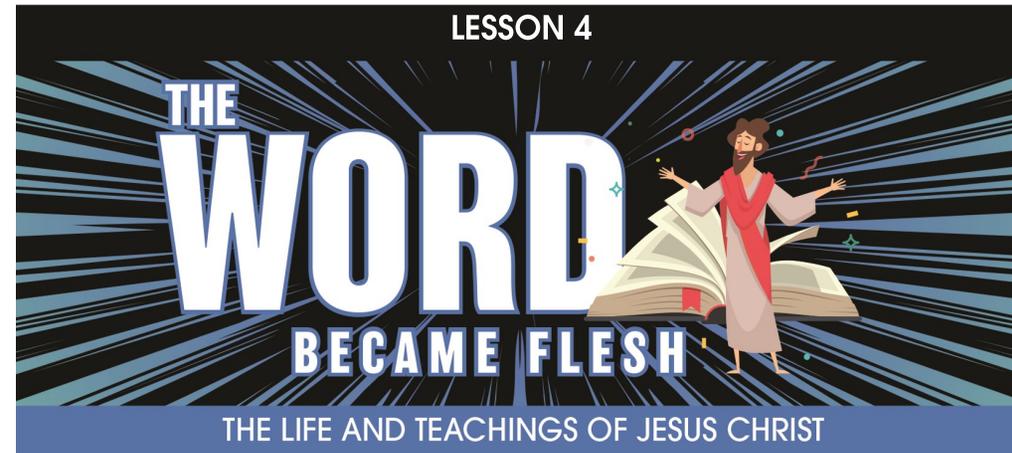


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EARLY CHILDHOOD
LEVEL 2
WORK BOOKLET

Level 2—Parent Notes

- ⇒ **Daily Journal:** Each day read the Scripture and discuss what it means. Then read the poem and have the child answer questions about it from the *Daily Reading Questions*. Include personal ideas and additional questions. Under the daily poem have the child draw a picture related to the content or dictate a sentence about what it means.
- ⇒ **Lesson Rhyme:** Read the *Lesson Rhyme* on the front page, saying the sound of the letter instead of its name. Point to each word as you read it. Discuss the meaning of the rhyme. Review and repeat the rhyme every day using the *Lesson Rhyme Signs*.
- ⇒ **Concluding Lesson:** Complete the activities under *Concluding Lesson* in the booklet.
- ⇒ **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson rhyme memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- ⇒ **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deeds and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.* NIV



THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

What is the good news for all people?

Jesus our Savior is Christ the Lord.

LESSON RHYME

What should we celebrate?

C—C—Celebrate

Jesus' holy birth

C—C—Celebrate

God sent his Son to earth



3—The Birth of Jesus

Draw a picture of a gift you think would be good to give to Jesus.

Daily Reading Questions

Day 1: Where were the shepherds? What happened to them there?

Day 2: Why do you think seeing the angels frightened the shepherds? What did the angels tell them? What was the shepherds response to what they were told?

Day 3: What did the shepherds find in the stable? What was their response to seeing Jesus?

Day 4: Where did the wise men live? What did the wise men see in the sky?

Day 5: What did the wise men think the star meant? Why did they go to Judah? Why did they stop and see the king?

Day 6: Why did the wise men go to Bethlehem? What did they find in Bethlehem? What did they give to Jesus? Why did they give gifts to Jesus?

Concluding Lesson

Review: What happened to the shepherds in the fields? What did the angels tell them? What was the shepherds response to what they were told? Where did the wise men live? What did the wise men see in the sky? What did the wise men think the star meant? Why did they go to Bethlehem? What did they give to Jesus?

Prayer: Thank God that everything about Jesus' birth shows he is the Son of God. Thank him for sending his Son to save you from your sin and make a way for you to love and follow him.

Application: Confess any sin that would separate you from God and thank Jesus for forgiving you when you sin.

Dictation: Have the child dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson. Have the child repeat back the dictation, trace over the letters and draw a picture to go with it.



This week I

Help the shepherds find the path to Jesus.



Lesson Rhyme Signs

C—C	Make sign of "C"
Celebrate	Shake hands in air
Jesus'	Make sign of Jesus
holy birth	Form arms like rocking a baby
C—C—Celebrate	Same as above
God sent his Son	Lift arms in air
to earth	Form arms in a circle around head



DAILY JOURNAL 4—What should we celebrate?

Day 1—Luke 2:8-9

Shepherds lived out in the fields
taking care of all their sheep
Even through the night,
good watch they had to keep.
One night as they were shepherding,
a light filled up the sky
And angels started singing,
“Glory to the Lord on high.”

Day 2—Luke 2:10-12

The shepherds were quite frightened
at the awesome sight.
The angels told them what occurred
in Bethlehem that night.
The shepherds were excited
and knew that they should go
To find the baby Jesus
and see if it was so.

Day 3—Luke 2:16-18

They hurried to the stable
and found the baby there.
Jesus in the manger
under Mary’s loving care.
The shepherds spread the good news
of what they’d seen and heard
That Jesus was the Savior
God had promised in his Word.

Day 4—Matthew 2:1-2

Far away from Bethlehem,
the town of Jesus’ birth
Some wise men looked up in the sky
far above the earth
A bright, unusual star
in the sky was what was seen
They questioned and they wondered
what that different star could mean.

Day 5—Matthew 2:3-5

They thought the star was showing
there was born a special king
They determined they should find him
and royal gifts should bring.
The star hung over Judah
so the king they stopped to see,
Asking where the baby was,
where they would find him be.

Day 6—Matthew 2:9-11

To Bethlehem they were sent,
where that star did come to rest.
And Mary they did find there,
with Jesus at her chest.
Their royal gifts they laid there,
down upon the ground.
Grateful that the king they sought
they had finally found.