

THE WORD BECAME FLESH



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#04 – The Birth of Jesus

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

PICTURES (Note: Inserted in brackets at the appropriate place in the lesson is the number of the picture to show the students.)

- 4-1 Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem
- 4-6 Manger scene with shepherds and Magi

REVIEW (Before teaching lesson)

- **The Big Question Review:** How was Jesus conceived?

Jesus' conception was a miracle of God by the power of his Holy Spirit.

- **Lesson Rhyme Review:** What did prophets say about the Savior?

M—M
Mary
A virgin
was a sign
M—M—Mary
Was from King
David's line

Make sign of "M"
Put "M" on top of other hand
Make sign of "V"
Move "V" in a circle
Same as above
Form crown on head
Make line across front with index finger



- **Introduction:** (picture 4-1) What is this a picture of?

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem where Old Testament prophecy said the savior would be from. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem because Joseph was from the house of King David and he had to register in the town that David was from. There Jesus was born and Mary wrapped him in a sheet and laid him in a manger.

Angels appeared to shepherds who were out in the fields and told them all about Jesus. The shepherds hurried to find Jesus. Magi from far away saw a star in the sky and followed the star to Judah. There they asked where the baby king was born and when they found Jesus, they bowed down and worshipped him. (picture 4-6)

The big question for this week is: What is the good news for all people.
Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached discussion questions.

Title: What should we celebrate?

Page 1—Luke 2:8-9

(picture of shepherds with their sheep)
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.”

Page 2—Luke 2:10-12

(picture of angel appearing to shepherds)
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.

Page 3—Luke 2:16-18

(picture of shepherds at manger)
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.

Page 4—Matthew 2:1-2

(picture of Magi & star)
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.

Page 5—Matthew 2:3-5

(picture of star over Judah)

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.

Page 6—Matthew 2:9-11

(picture of Magi with Jesus)

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.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

Page 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?

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

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

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

Page 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?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- Prayer: Thank God that everything about Jesus' birth shows that 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.
- The Big Question: What is the good news for all people?

Jesus our Savior is Christ the Lord.

ACTIVITIES (Completed after the lesson)

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the weekly sheet.

★ Coloring: Color in the lesson picture.

★ Activity: Act out the angels appearing to the shepherds.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

C—C	Make sign of “C”
Celebrate	Shake 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



• **Craft:** The Shepherds

As a reminder that Jesus was born in a stable and the angels appeared to shepherds, make a shepherd and a sheep.

Materials: Card stock paper, scissors, glue sticks, colored pencils or crayons, cotton balls.

Preparation: Run off the craft on card stock paper. Cut apart.

Instructions: Cut out and fold the sheep and shepherd so they stand up. Color in the shepherd and glue a cotton ball to the sheep.

• **Song:** What Child is This

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Chorus
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Chorus
So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Chorus
Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.