

Unit 19, Session 3

Jesus Was Born

Luke 2

Story Point: Jesus was born to be God's promised Savior.

Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth. During the time Mary was pregnant, the Roman emperor announced that everyone needed to be registered. Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.

While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. Mary and Joseph looked for a safe place to stay, but every place was full. So Mary and Joseph found a place where animals were kept, and that is where Mary had her baby. Joseph named Him Jesus.

That night, some shepherds were watching over their sheep in the fields near Bethlehem. Suddenly, an angel stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them. The angel said, "I have very good news for you and for all the people: Today a Savior, who is the Messiah and the Lord, was born for you in the city of David." Then the angel said, "You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger." Suddenly, a whole army of angels appeared, praising God.

The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in the feeding trough. Then the shepherds went and told others about the baby Jesus. The shepherds returned to their fields, praising God because everything had happened just as the angel said.

Christ Connection: The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He is God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus, the promised Savior, came into the world to deliver us from sin and death.



The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Check the box if the statement is true. If the statement is false, make it right by replacing the underlined word.
 - Mary and Joseph lived in the town of <u>Nazareth</u>. They traveled to Bethlehem for a census.
 - □ Mary had her baby, and Joseph named the baby <u>David</u>.
 - □ That night, an angel appeared to some <u>shepherds</u> in their fields.
 - The angel said, "Don't be <u>angry</u>! I have very good news for you and for all the people: Today a Savior, who is the Messiah and the Lord, was born for you in the city of David."
 - □ Suddenly, a whole army of <u>soldiers</u> appeared, praising God.
 - When the angels left, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found the baby laying in <u>a feeding trough</u>.
 - \square Everyone who heard about <u>Jesus</u> was surprised and amazed.
 - □ The shepherds returned to their fields, <u>worried</u> because everything had happened just as the angel said.
- What does this story teach us about God?
- Why was Mary's baby was called Jesus?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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• Why do you think Jesus was born in such a humble way rather than in a palace to a wealthy family?

• Why was Jesus' birth good news?

• Why should we tell others about Jesus?

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• Find John 1:1-2 in your Bible and write the words below.

• Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for the greatest gift—His Son.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

- Hebrews 4:15-16
 John 3:16
 Isaiah 9:6
- Psalm 66:16
- John 1:14