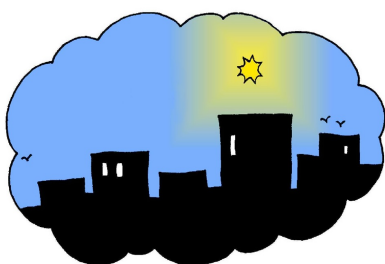


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Lesson 3: JESUS IS BORN (Luke 2)



The Bible message from the very beginning was... "Someone is coming to bless the whole world!" Many years ago, God's prophet Micah said that the Savior of the world would be born in the town of Bethlehem.

Prophets like Isaiah said that one day God would send His own Son from heaven. He will be the Forever King! He will bring hope and peace! He will bless the whole world! The people waited and prayed.



But there was a Roman emperor, King. Emperor Augustus wanted to collect tax money. He made a new law that everyone was to go to the town their ancestors came from to put their names on a tax list.

Joseph's ancestor David came from Bethlehem. So, Joseph and Mary had to go to Bethlehem. It took about three days to travel to Bethlehem. It was almost time for the baby to be born. Mary would have been very tired and very uncomfortable.



There was no room in Bethlehem for Mary and Joseph. So, they had to stay in a smelly animal stable. That night baby Jesus was born. A bright star appeared in the sky right above the place where He was born.



Joseph and Mary called the baby Jesus, just like the angel Gabriel had told them. They wrapped Him in cloth and made Him a bed in a manger box of hay.

On the night that Jesus was born in Bethlehem some shepherds were staying on the fields nearby. They were watching over their sheep. Suddenly, an angel appeared and spoke to them. "Don't be frightened," he said. "When you hear the good news, your hearts will be filled with joy! Today in Bethlehem the Savior has been born. He is Christ the Lord and He is God's gift to you. You will find a baby wrapped in cloth lying in a manger bed of hay."



Then the night sky was filled with hundreds of angels who were praising and thanking God, saying, "Glory to God in heaven and may the whole world be filled with Peace and Kindness towards others."

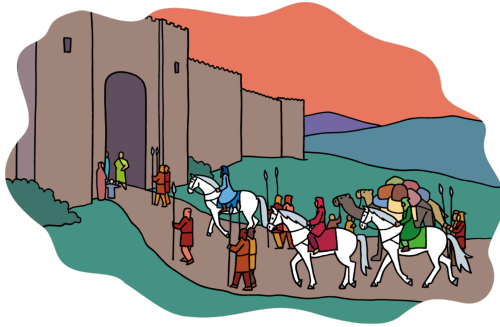
The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found baby Jesus wrapped in cloth and sleeping in a manger bed of hay, just as the angel had said.



After they left the stable the shepherds told everyone they met about the wonderful news! The Savior and promised Messiah had come at last!

GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES!





The special star was a sign that the baby King had been born. Wise men who lived far off in the east saw the star. Later they travelled from far away to see the new baby King of Israel.

The wise men went to the palace of Herod. He was ruler of the area where the Jews lived. The wise men asked, "Where is the baby King? We want to worship him." Herod was angry because he called himself the "King of the Jews." But he pretended that he wanted to worship baby Jesus too. He said, "Come back and tell me where you find him."



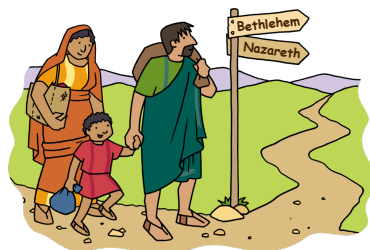
The wise men found Jesus in a house in Bethlehem. They worshipped him and gave him special gifts. They gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh.



An angel told the wise men not to back to see Herod. He really wanted to kill Jesus. So the wise men went back home a different way.



An angel warned Joseph that Herod wanted to kill Jesus. He told Joseph to take Mary and Jesus to live in Egypt. They stayed there until after Herod died.



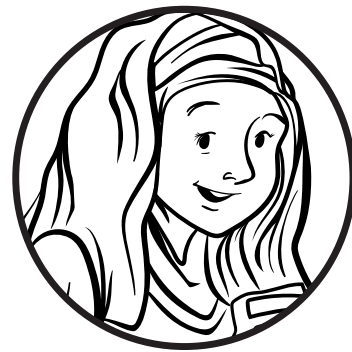
Then Mary, Joseph and Jesus returned to live in Nazareth. God's promise had come true! The Son of God had come – Emmanuel or "God with us."

Jesus grew up to fulfill God's plan to bless the whole world!
He came to bless YOU and ME!



PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY

Trace the word and draw a line to connect
the word to the pictures.



MARY

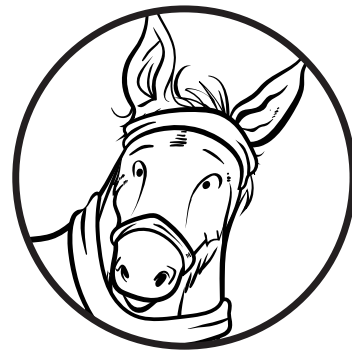
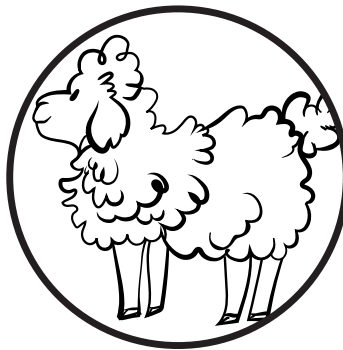
ANGEL

BABY

SHEEP

DONKEY

JOSEPH



UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

In our culture, when a baby is born we send birth announcement cards.



MAKE A BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR BABY JESUS

- **Include His name.** You might call Him one or more of his names: Jesus, Emmanuel, Son of God, Savior, King of Kings, Prince of Peace, The Christ, Yeshua (this is the Hebrew name for Jesus)...
- **Include His parents' names.**
- **Include the town of His birth.**
- **Draw something that shows how special this new baby is.**
You might draw: a crown, a manger, a lamb, an angel announcing his birth

