

1st-5th Grade Small Group Lesson

Session Title: Jesus Was Born

Bible Passage: Luke 2:1-20

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

Key Passage: 1 John 4:9

Big Picture Question: Why was Jesus born? Jesus was born to rescue us from sin.

Christ Connection: *The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He was God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to save people from their sins and to be their King.*



Bible Story Review & Bible Skills

Luke 2

The purpose of this section is to coach the group to be able to navigate the Bible by finding the books of the Bible, the chapter, and the verse.

1. Invite the group to open their Bibles to the Table of Contents
2. Have them look through the list of Books in the New Testament
3. Have the group open their bibles to Luke 2

Ask the following review questions:

- **To what city did Mary and Joseph travel?** (*Bethlehem, Luke 2:4*)
- **Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem because Joseph was a descendant of which king?** (*King David, Luke 2:4*)
- **What did Mary wrap Baby Jesus in?** (*cloth or swaddling clothes, Luke 2:7*)
- **To whom did the angel of the Lord appear?** (*shepherds, Luke 2:8-9*)
- **How did the shepherds feel when they saw the angel?** (*terrified, Luke 2:9*)
- **What type of news did the angel tell the shepherds?** (*good news, Luke 2:10*)
- **Where did the angel say the shepherds could find Baby Jesus?** (*in a manger, Luke 2:12*)
- **What does the name *Jesus* mean?** (*"Savior," Matt. 1:21*)
- **Why was Jesus born?** (*Jesus was born to rescue us from sin.*)

Hop to Bethlehem Activity

Form two teams and invite them to line up single file. Designate "Bethlehem" as the table, wall or bucket. Explain to the group that the first person in each line must hop to "Bethlehem," touch it, hop back and tell the next person in line, "The Savior is born!" Then move to the back of the line and the next kid will hop to Bethlehem. The first team to complete the task wins.

The Bible says that after the angels had given the shepherds the good news of Jesus' birth, the shepherds went quickly to find Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. They were excited to see Jesus for themselves. When they saw Jesus, they were so excited that they told everyone about everything they had seen. They were among the first people to tell the good news: Jesus was born to be God's promised Savior.

Draw It Yourself!

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INSTRUCTIONS: Follow the steps to draw your own nativity scene.



KEY PASSAGE: 1 John 4:9

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why was Jesus born? Jesus was born to rescue us from sin.

BIBLE STORY:

JESUS WAS BORN

- Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem to be counted.
- While they were there, the time came for Jesus to be born.
- Angels appeared to shepherds to tell them about the King's arrival.
- Jesus was born to be God's promised Savior.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What is your favorite part about Christmas?
- Why do you think the angels appeared to shepherds, instead of important rulers or religious leaders?
- Why is Jesus' birth still celebrated today?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Take your family to hear a Christmas choir. Talk to your kids about what it might have been like to hear the angels singing about Jesus' birth.
- Box up unused toys to donate.

Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 29, Session 2