

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Jesus Is Born

from Luke 2:1-20.



Christmas
Day

Jesus came for everyone, even the poor and the outcasts of society!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Mary
- Bethlehem
- Joseph
- Shepherd
- Emperor Augustus
- Angel

A prophet named Micah foretold that Bethlehem would be the birthplace of the Messiah more than 700 years before Jesus was born. Jesus' arrival fulfilled Micah's words, as well as those of others who prophesied that the Messiah—the promised one—would come from King David's city and family tree.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 212-217

Spark Bible page 1130

Family Prayer

Dear God, You sent your Son to Earth so that we would know goodness. Help us to always live like Jesus, showing compassion and mercy to the lowest among us. Thank you for the offering you gave to the world. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 How does your family celebrate Christmas? How do you remember Jesus amidst the excitement of the holiday season?
- 2 What would you say if you were outside at night and suddenly a group of angels appeared to you? Would you think it was real? Talk about how the shepherds must have felt when they saw the angels.
- 3 Why is it important that the shepherds were the first ones to hear about Jesus' birth? Why didn't the wise men or other rich people get the message first?
- 4 How might Mary have felt that night, knowing her little baby boy was going to be the Savior of the world?



Eye Spark

When you see a baby at church or in your community, remember that Jesus came to the world as a baby, not as a great and mighty king.



Ear Spark

When you hear the choir or congregation sing at church, remember how the angels sang out in praise to God for the birth of Jesus.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Find a map of ancient Israel, then locate Nazareth and Bethlehem. Remembering that Mary and Joseph were traveling on foot and by donkey, make a list of supplies you think they brought with them. How would your journey between the two cities look different today?

For younger kids

Draw a picture of your favorite scene from Luke's Christmas story. How do you think each person in the story felt as they welcomed Jesus into the world? Show their feelings in your drawing.

For older kids

Make a playlist of your favorite Christmas songs celebrating Jesus' birth. Play one or two each day, singing out loud and praising God like the angels did!

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The shepherds found the baby, Jesus, asleep on a bed of hay.