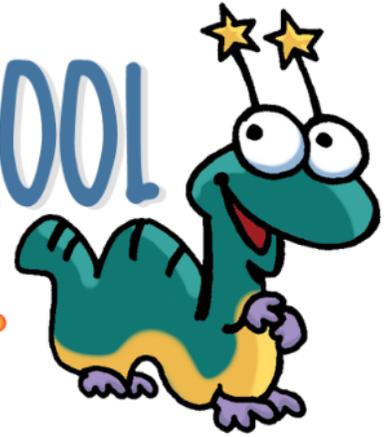


# SPARK SUNDAY SCHOOL

ACTIVATE FAITH



## UPPER ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

### Jesus is Born

Lesson Focus: **Happy Birthday Jesus**

Scripture Reference: **Luke 2:1-20**

Spark Story Bible Pg. 212

### GATHER

Check In with your High & Low for today/this week.

Christmastime often gets very busy, so we're going to balance that with a little bit of silence today. Close your eyes. Pause. Take a deep breath. Pause. Now hold your hands and arms as if you were holding a baby. Pause. There will be silence during the prayer to reflect on God's gift to us, Jesus.

Dear Jesus, thank you for coming to us and being our gift. (Pause for 20 seconds.) Teach us to see and hear you as the shepherds did at your birth. Amen.

### STORY

Look up **Luke 2:1-20** in the NRSV and listen along on our website. Or turn to **page 212-217** in the **Spark Story Bible**.

### RESPOND

**Supplies Needed:** Scissors, Markers, Crayons, Pens

Think back to the Christmas Story you just read. Can you take that whole big story and put it all into one tiny little book? This is your challenge!

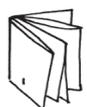
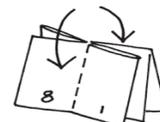
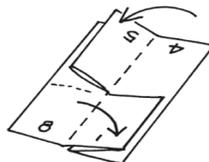
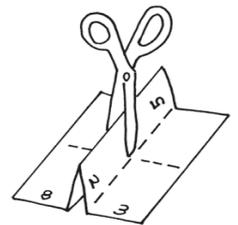
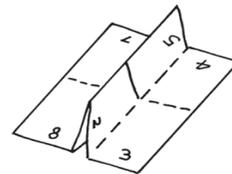
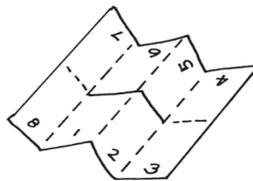
- 1) Take a piece of paper. Fold and cut following the diagram below:
- 2) Your book will have 6 pages to use.
- 3) The front will be the cover and the back will have information about you, the author. Once you have
- 4) The interior pages can be used to tell the Christmas story. Use words, images or both.

**Tip:** Break the story into six parts.

A sample book might look something like:

Title Page

1. Mary & Joseph went to Bethlehem.
2. Jesus was born.
3. Shepherds were nearby.
4. Angels appeared to the shepherds.
5. Shepherds went to see Jesus.
6. Shepherds told everyone About the author



# MEMORY VERSE

Look up **Luke 2:20**. This is our Memory Verse for today.

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The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told

## SEND

### Responding to God's Word

*These are ways God uses us to come back for others!  
Sometimes the best way to come back is to go out!*

To: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to:

- \_\_\_ Tell someone about the day Jesus was born and why you think it's important to share this story
- \_\_\_ Give someone a gift
- \_\_\_ Learn to wrap a present
- \_\_\_ Make a paper angel to hang on the tree
- \_\_\_ Re-enact the Christmas story with your own nativity set
- \_\_\_ Send a Christmas card to someone
- \_\_\_ Write out the Memory Verse & doodle around it in your Faith Formation Journal
- \_\_\_ Write out the Memory Verse and place it somewhere you will see it often
- \_\_\_ Give you a big hug!
- \_\_\_ Invite you to worship with you (outside or online) or invite them to Sunday School with you
- \_\_\_ Pray for \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Say "I'm sorry"
- \_\_\_ Read this story again in my Bible
- \_\_\_ My own idea: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAY

**Dear God, sometimes we're afraid. We're afraid that we will lose the things we own. So we huddle down and keep our hopes buried inside us. Please help us to trust you. Show us the families who make a leap of faith to live their lives, trusting that you will provide. Please teach us to not be afraid. Amen.**