

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!

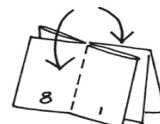
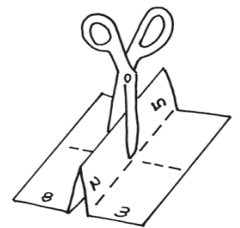
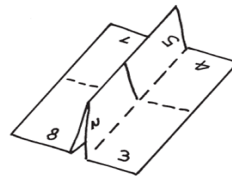
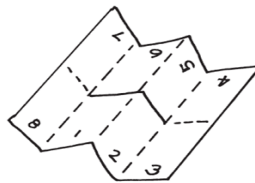
- 1) Take a piece of paper. Fold and cut following the diagram below:
- 2) Your book will have 6 pages to use.
- 3) The front will be the cover and the back will have information about you, the author. Once you have
- 4) The interior pages can be used to tell the Christmas story. Use words, images or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

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.