

Bible Story 28: JESUS' BIRTH

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-23; Luke 1:26-40; 2:1-20,40

MEMORY VERSES: Luke 2:11,14A

BIBLE STORY:

Mary was a young Jewish girl that lived in the town of Nazareth. She was engaged to Joseph, who was a carpenter. One day the angel Gabriel spoke to Mary. The angel said, ***"Mary, you will give birth to a son. Give Him the name Jesus, who is the Son of God."***

Mary conceived the child by the Holy Spirit. Mary visited Elizabeth who was expecting baby John the Baptist. About three months later, Mary returned to her home.

Then the angel appeared to Joseph, telling him to marry Mary. Joseph obeyed.

The king demanded the Jewish people to go to their home town and register. Joseph took Mary with him and went to Bethlehem. When they finally arrived, the city was full of people. Where would they sleep? There was no room at the inn. Finally, Joseph found a humble place, a stable. During the night, baby Jesus was born. Mary placed baby Jesus in a manger.

That same night some shepherds were watching their sheep in a nearby field. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared. He said, ***"Today in the city of David, a Savior was born."*** Then a multitude of angels appeared, saying, ***"Glory to God in heaven."*** The shepherds quickly went and found baby Jesus lying in a manger. They worshiped Jesus, the Savior.

Some wise men from the east saw a special star in the sky. They followed the star, looking for the new born king of the Jews. When they finally arrived in Bethlehem, they saw the shiny star above a house. Entering, they saw the child Jesus with His mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped Jesus, giving Him precious gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh. Then the wise men returned to their home.

Being warned by an angel, Joseph took Mary and baby Jesus to Egypt. Later when it was safe, they returned and lived in the town of Nazareth.

Jesus grew in strength and wisdom. God blessed Jesus.

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?

- 2.. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. Who was Mary?
2. What did the angel Gabriel tell Mary?
3. How did Mary conceive her child?
4. What did the angel tell Joseph? What did he do?
5. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem?
6. Where did Mary and Joseph stay in Bethlehem? What happened?
7. What did the angel tell the shepherds? What did the shepherds do?
8. The shepherds worshiped Jesus. How can you worship Jesus?
9. What did the wise men do? What gifts did they bring to Jesus?
10. The wise men gave gifts to Jesus. What are some gifts you can give Jesus?