

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why do you think God planned for His Son to be born in a stable?
- Have you ever felt God calling you to do something? What did you do?
- How can you show God's love to others?

Jesus Was Born

Luke 2

STORY POINT: JESUS WAS BORN TO BE GOD'S PROMISED SAVIOR.

Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth. During the time Mary was pregnant, the Roman emperor announced that everyone needed to be registered. Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.

While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. Mary and Joseph looked for a safe place to stay, but every place was full. So Mary and Joseph found a place where animals were kept, and that is where Mary had her baby. Joseph named Him Jesus.

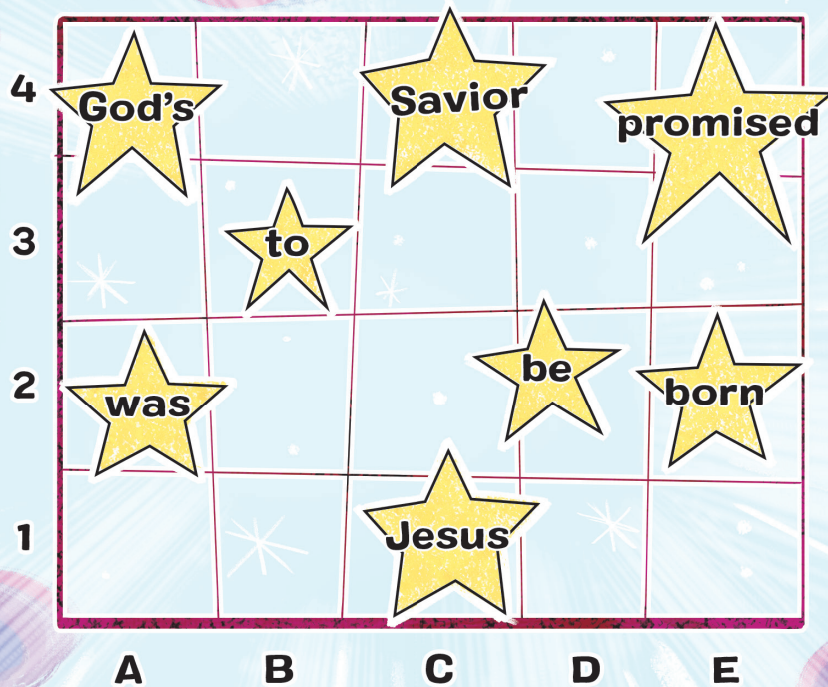
That night, some shepherds were watching over their sheep in the fields near Bethlehem. Suddenly, an angel stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them. The angel said, "I have very good news for you and for all the people: Today a Savior, who is the Messiah and the Lord, was born for you in the city of David." Then the angel said, "You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger."

Suddenly, a whole army of angels appeared, praising God. The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in the feeding trough. Then the shepherds went and told others about the baby Jesus. The shepherds returned to their fields, praising God because everything had happened just as the angel said.

Christ Connection: The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He is God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus, the promised Savior, came into the world to deliver us from sin and death.



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Story Stars

Find the word for each coordinate to write out the story point for today's Bible story.

C1

A2

E2

B3

D2

A4

E4

C4

True or False?

Mark whether each statement is true or false. If the statement is false, make it right by replacing the underlined word.

- True False 1.** Mary and Joseph lived in the town of Nazareth. They traveled to Bethlehem for a census.
- True False 2.** Mary had her baby, and Joseph named the baby David.
- True False 3.** That night, an angel appeared to some shepherds in their fields.
- True False 4.** The angel said, "Don't be angry! I have very good news for you and for all the people: Today a Savior, who is the Messiah and the Lord, was born for you in the city of David."
- True False 5.** Suddenly, a whole army of soldiers appeared, praising God.
- True False 6.** When the angels left, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found the baby laying in a feeding trough.
- True False 7.** Everyone who heard about Jesus was surprised and amazed.
- True False 8.** The shepherds returned to their fields, worried because everything had happened just as the angel said.