

REACH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Parent Take Home | Week 36 | JESUS IS BORN: GOD WITH US

Bible Passage: Luke 2:1-20 **Big Idea:** God kept His promise and sent Jesus to be our Savior.

MEMORY VERSE

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you." Luke 2:11

Help your child understand it: A savior is someone who rescues. Jesus came to rescue us from sin. Try saying the verse together each day and ask, **"What does Savior mean?"** A simple answer is, **"Jesus came to rescue us from sin."**

TODAY YOUR CHILD LEARNED

God had promised for hundreds of years that a Savior was coming. When Caesar Augustus ordered people to be registered, Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem. There Jesus was born, wrapped in cloths, and placed in a manger, which was a feeding place for animals.

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:11

Jesus was not simply another baby. **He is God the Son who became truly human without stopping being God.** The shepherds found Jesus just as God had said, then left praising God and telling others what they had heard.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Jesus came because we need a Savior. God is holy and good, but all of us have sinned and cannot make ourselves right with God. Jesus lived without sin, died for our sins, and rose from the dead. **Anyone who turns from sin and trusts Jesus is forgiven and receives new life.**

Your child also learned that **God is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.** We do not worship three gods. There is one God.

A QUESTION YOUR CHILD MAY ASK

Did Jesus begin to exist when He was born? No. Jesus' human life began in Mary's womb, but God the Son has always existed. John 1:1 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Jesus is the eternal Son of God who came into our world and truly became human.

DEFENDING THE TRUTH

What does the Bible say? Jesus was born in Bethlehem and announced as Savior, Messiah, and Lord.

What does history tell us? Caesar Augustus and the Roman Empire were real, and Bethlehem and Nazareth were real places. Luke places Jesus' birth in real history.

What are we only guessing about? Scripture does not tell us exactly what the birthplace looked like, how many shepherds came, or many other details found in Christmas pictures. It is always okay to say, **"I don't know because the Bible doesn't tell us."**

TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

Why did Jesus come? To save us from our sins.

Why is Jesus different from every other baby? Jesus is God the Son who became human.

Does waiting mean God has forgotten us? No. God's people waited many years for the Savior, but God kept His promise. We can trust God even when we do not understand His timing.

TRY THIS AS A FAMILY

Write these five phrases on small pieces of paper and put them in order: **GOD PROMISED • GOD'S PEOPLE WAITED • JESUS CAME • JESUS SAVES • JESUS IS ALIVE.** Ask your child to explain the path. Help them see that Jesus' birth is part of God's great rescue plan.

PRAY TOGETHER

Father, thank You for keeping Your promises and sending Your Son. Jesus, thank You for coming to save us, dying for our sins, and rising again. Holy Spirit, help us trust Jesus and grow to become more like Him. Amen.

FOR PARENTS

You do not need a Bible degree to help your child know Jesus. Read God's Word together, welcome their questions, and when you do not know an answer, simply say, **"I don't know. Let's see what the Bible says."** God kept His promise. **The Savior came, and Jesus is alive.**