



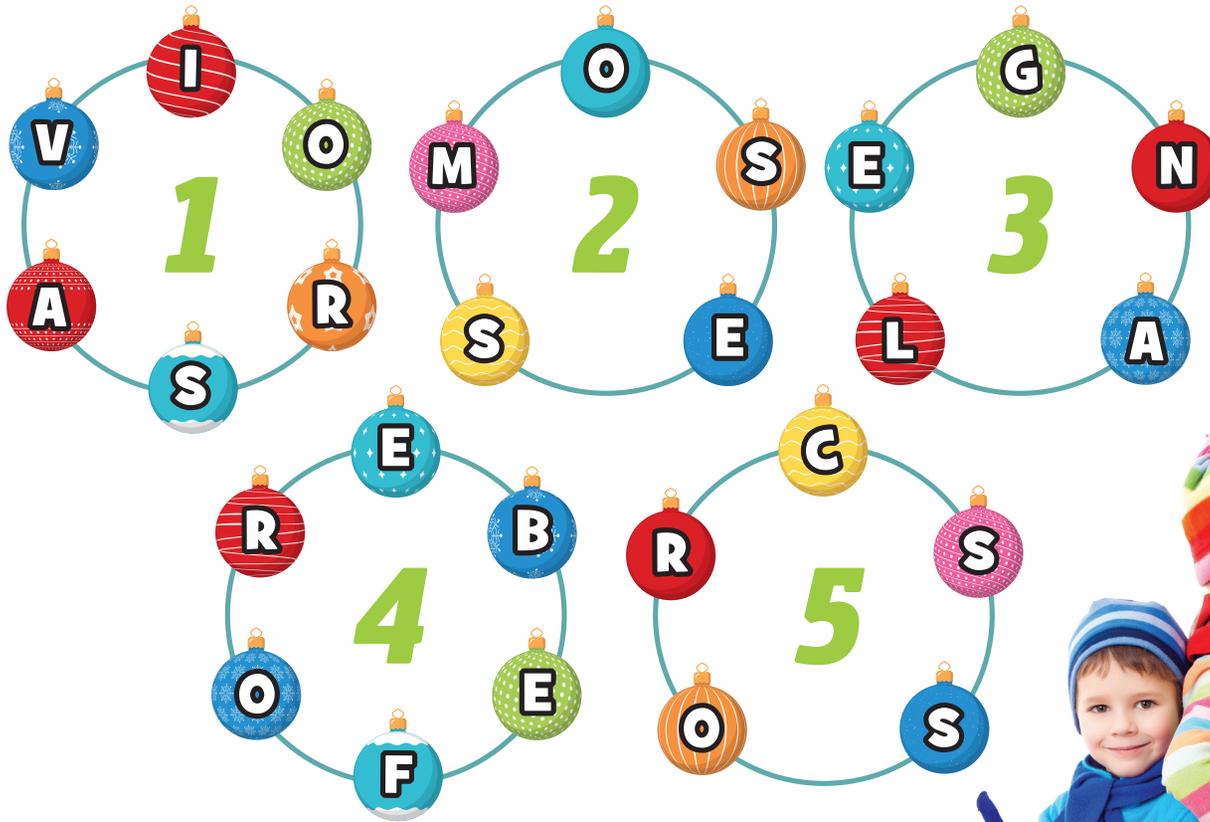
Grades 2-3 • Christmas 2A

Jesus Before the Manger

Genesis 1:1-2, 1:26; Colossians 1:16-17; Exodus 3:1-4; Judges 6:11-12; Matthew 1:21

God's Message

Can you finish the sentences about Jesus? Each missing word has been written in a circle. Find the first letter and go around the circle to spell the word. Words can go clockwise or counterclockwise.



1. Jesus is our _____.
2. The angel of the Lord spoke to _____ from the burning bush.
3. An _____ told Joseph to name the baby Jesus.
4. Jesus is _____ all things.
5. The Son of God died on the _____.

Answers: 1) Savior; 2) Moses; 3) angel; 4) before; 5) cross



Name _____

Memory Verse

Use the star code to fill in the missing words of the memory verse.

- ☆ All ☆ things ☆ hold
- ☆ before ☆ created ☆

Colossians 1:16-17

_____ were _____ through him
 and for him. And he is
 _____ all
 _____, and in him
 _____ things _____
 _____ together.

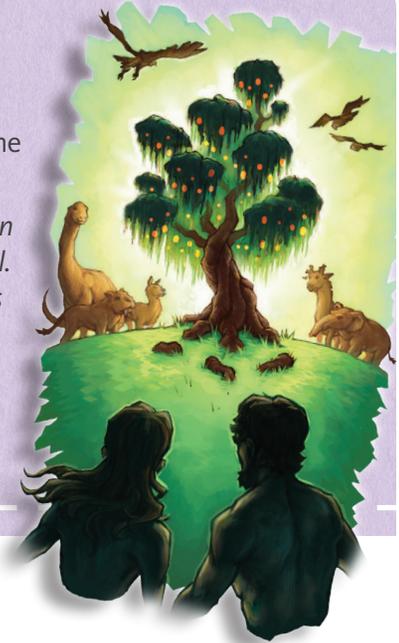
What You Heard *In the Word*

- Jesus is the eternal Son of God. He existed before time began and created all things.
- Before his birth, Jesus appeared to people in the Old Testament as the angel of the Lord.
- Jesus left heaven to be born as a baby on earth and to fulfill God's promise of a Savior. As fully man and fully God, Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to save us from sin.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if your friend says that Jesus is only in the New Testament, and he doesn't see him anywhere in the Old Testament? **What could you say?**

It's true that we only see the name Jesus in the New Testament when God's Son came to earth to be our Savior. But Jesus is God, so he is eternal. That means he never had a beginning and he'll have no end. The Bible tells us that Jesus was there at the beginning, at creation! The creation of the universe and of time itself is recorded in Genesis chapter 1, which is the first book and chapter in the Old Testament. It's hard for us to understand how God has always existed, but that's what the Bible says, so I believe it.



Justin & Jessie

"I already got your gift," Mom said.

Jessie's eyes opened wide in surprise. "You did?!
Where is it?"

"I'm not telling," Mom said, laughing.

But Jessie was excited to see her gift—it was all she could think about. "Come on, Emily. Let's find my gift."

Christmas is only one week away, but Jessie doesn't want to wait. Will she find her gift early, or will something else become more important? Find out in "The Missing Manger."

Go to [KidsAnswers.org/jjCH2A](https://www.kidsanswers.org/jjCH2A) to read the rest of the story and print out this week's Justin and Jessie coloring sheet.