

HomeWord
For Parents

Mary was a young, simple Jewish woman who recognized herself as a maidservant of the Lord and willingly accepted God's plan for her (Luke 1:38). What was that plan? She would be the mother of Jesus!

And so it was. In the little town of Bethlehem, Mary brought forth her firstborn Son, wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him—not with kings and royalty—but in a manger used to feed animals, because there were no other rooms for them to stay in (Luke 2:7). His birth was announced to simple shepherds staying out in the nearby fields (Luke 2:8). And the announcement was spectacular. First, an angel of God appeared to the shepherds with the glory of the Lord shining all around. The angel announced that a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, was born. The shepherds then witnessed a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men!" (Luke 2:9–14). Immediately, the shepherds made their way to Bethlehem and found Mary,

Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger just as the angel had said (Luke 2:15–16).

This was a humble, earthly beginning for the great Redeemer King—the incarnate God Himself—unlikely for the Creator of the universe! Yet Scripture assures us in many places that this humble babe was in fact God. The Apostle John, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, revealed Jesus Christ as God. And John tells us in his Gospel that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father" (John 1:14). The Word was God and the Word became flesh. The Word was Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah and Savior.

Jesus was fully God and fully man. Though He was God, He willingly gave up the heavenly honor, glory, and rights that were His. He took the form of a bondservant and came to earth as a man. He lived in humility and finally humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death on the Cross (Philippians 2:6–8).

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

OutWord For Family Discussion

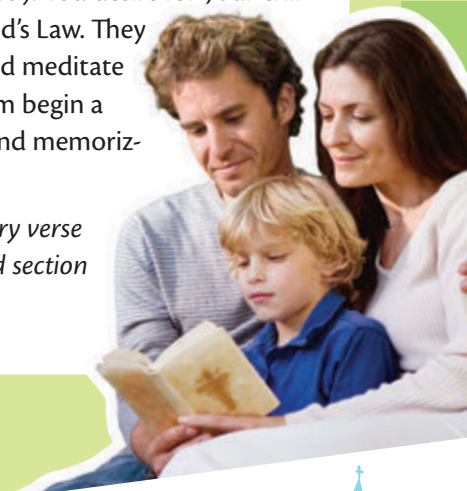
Suppose your friend tells you that he does believe the Bible, but he also believes what he reads in all the Christian books. After all, they are Christians, too. And they must read the Bible. **What would you say?**

We need to be very careful who we listen to and where we go for the truth. There are a lot of people who write books and teach about God, but that doesn't mean that everything they say is right! We need to be sure we read the Bible for ourselves and know that what we believe comes from the Bible. Only God and His Word are perfect; men make mistakes all the time. We should trust our pastors and teachers, for sure, but God has the final say. If something we see or hear doesn't seem right, we are responsible to find out what God says in His Word and believe that.

inWord For Family Study

"Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119:97). You desire for your children to truly love God's Law. They must know it well and meditate on it often. Help them begin a lifetime of learning and memorizing God's Word!

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.



Birth of Christ

 Key Theme

- Jesus was born in a simple way.

 Key Passages

- Luke 2:6–11

 What You **HEARD** in the Word

- Even though Jesus is the King, He humbled Himself and was born in a simple way.

Ask your child these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 Where did Mary lay Baby Jesus after He was born?
- 2 Who did God choose to tell first of Jesus's birth?
- 3 What great news did the angel of the Lord tell the shepherds?



1) In a manger, 2) Shepherds, 3) A Savior is born!

Read the Word with Mom & Dad

Monday (Luke 2:7)
Where was Baby Jesus laid?

Tuesday (Luke 2:9)
Why were the shepherds afraid?

Wednesday (Luke 2:12)
What sign would help the shepherds know they found the Baby Jesus?

Thursday (Luke 2:14)
What did the angels say as they celebrated Jesus's birth?

Friday (Luke 2:15-16)
What did the shepherds do right after the angels left?

Saturday (Philippians 2:8)
Jesus is God. But He was found in appearance as a _____.
(Your new memory verse!)

Learn the Word!

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
Philippians 2:8

Song Time!

This Little Baby

(To the tune of "The Muffin Man")

God sent an-angel-to tell Mary
(Oh! Do you know the Muffin Man?)

That-she would have a ba-a-by.
(The Muffin Man, the Muffin Man.)

She would have a ba-a-by—
(Do you know the Muffin Man)

The Savior sent from God!
(Who lives on Drury Lane?)




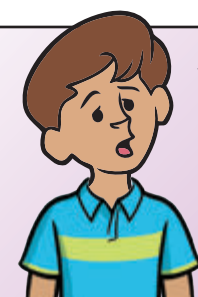
God sent angels-to-the she-e-pherds,
The she-e-pherds, the she-e-pherds.

They ran-to-find the ba-a-by—
The Savior sent from God!

God sent-a-star to the wi-ise men,
The wi-ise men, the wi-ise men.
The wise men-gave-gifts to the ba-a-by—
The Savior sent from God!

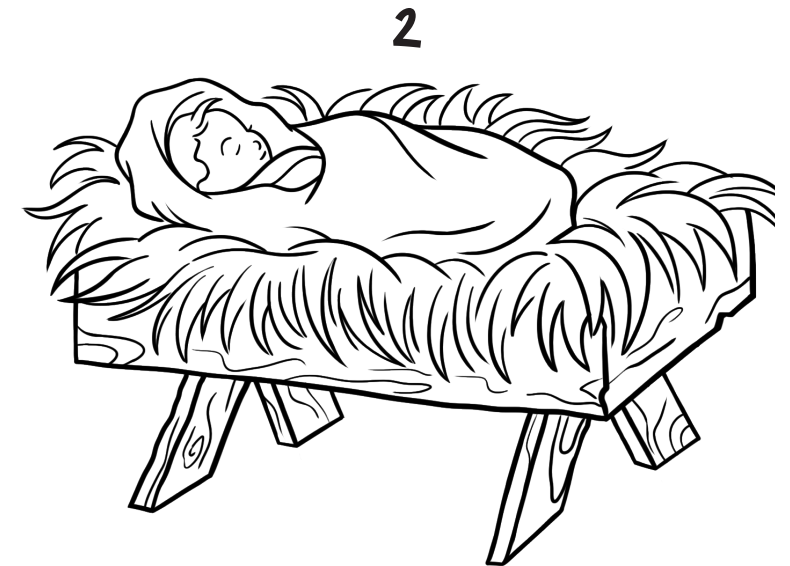
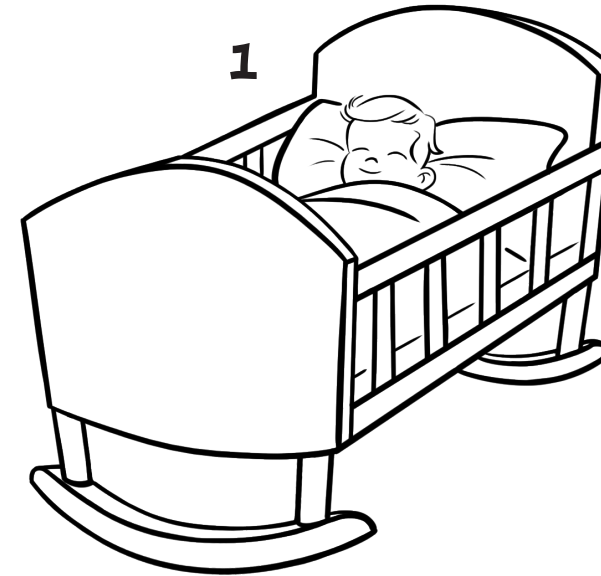
This-little-baby was Je-e-sus,
Je-e-sus, Je-e-sus!
This-little-baby was Je-e-sus—
The Savior sent from God!

LIVE the Word with Johnny and His Dad

<p>Johnny, Jesus IS God! And Jesus IS Gods Son!</p> 	<p>That's confusing, Dad. It doesn't make sense.</p> 
<p>But the Bible tells us Jesus is Gods only begotten Son. And it tells us Jesus is God!</p> 	<p>And since we can trust the Bible, we know that is the truth, right?</p> 

Find the Baby Jesus

The angels told the shepherds to look for a baby in a manger. Circle the baby in the manger then color the pictures.



SNEAK PEEK

Jesus was born! But some people loved Him while others hated Him! Come next week to find out what happened next.