

Lesson 2: Jesus' Birth & Childhood



God's Word

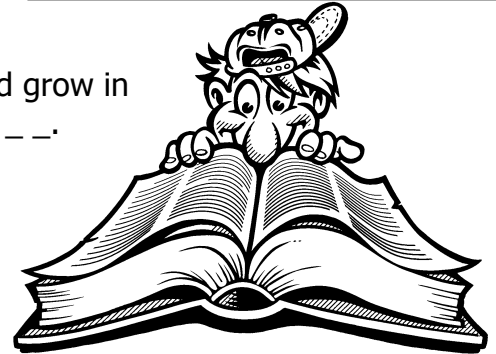
- † Mary and _____ were the earthly parents of Jesus, but Mary became pregnant by the Holy _____.
- † When told by the _____ she'd give birth to God's son Mary responded in faith, "I am the Lord's _____."
- † Jesus was _____ in Bethlehem, fulfilling what the OT _____ had written about the promised _____.
- † Not much is known about _____ as a child, but he did grow in _____ and stature and in _____ with God and _____.

Major Point:

The story of the birth of Jesus is one of the most well known stories in the world. Yet many still fail to see how important it really is. In this story God uses two ordinary, but faithful people to help bring His Son into the world and help prepare Him for His life that changed the world.

Major Passages:

Matthew 1:18
 Luke 1:38
 Matthew 2:1-6
 *Luke 2:52



Team Time

1. How do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they were told that the child Mary was carrying was going to be God's son? How might have you responded as Mary (girls)? or Joseph (boys)?

2. Why do you think Matthew and Luke included stories from Jesus' birth and childhood? How might these stories help us better understand Jesus and his life on earth? How does it make you feel knowing that God came down to earth as a small child dependant on others for His basic needs was actually a small child?

3. Read Luke 2:41-52. What did Jesus do to amaze the teachers in the temple? How old was he in this story? How does this story show Jesus to be different even as a child? Close in prayer thanking Jesus for being a child just like you.

Family Time

Y Read together the handouts for this week and answer the following questions.

1. Read the handouts "Mary, Mother of Jesus" and "Joseph" and answer the "Life Question" on both?

a. Mary -

b. Joseph -

2. Read carefully Luke 2:1-20. Who were the first people to see Jesus? How did they hear about the birth of Jesus? What did they do after they saw Jesus in the manger? How might you respond if you personally saw Jesus like they did?

3. Read Matthew 2:1-23. What brought the Magi to visit Jesus? How did Herod take the news of Jesus' birth? How does God use dreams to protect Jesus and his family in this story? Close together in prayer asking for God to continue to protect your family as he did Jesus'.

Memory Work

This week's memory work is to memorize the verse of the week (Luke 2:52) from this lesson and books 1-3 of the New Testament.

This is to verify that I completed the **family fitness** and **Memory Work** portion of this week's Confirmation lesson with my student.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____