



The Birth of Jesus

December 24

Luke 2:1-20

Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas

- Talk about Jesus being called “Immanuel.” What does Immanuel mean? How is Jesus God with us?
- Jesus was a normal kid, yet Jesus was also God. How do we plan a birthday party for God?
- Act out the nativity story. What might it have felt like? Sounded like? Looked like? Smelled like?
- What would be the best news? “COVID is over!” or “We’re going to Disney World?” Jesus is better news than any good news the world can give

Discussion Ideas and Questions

- What is the good news of Christmas?
- Mary was actually pregnant in a really normal, uncomfortable way. Jesus was really born as a normal human. But He’s still God!
- Talk about the descriptors of Jesus: descendant of David, baby, child, Saviour, Messiah, the Lord
- God behind the scenes: Zechariah’s turn to offer incense in the Temple, Caesar calling a census so that they had to go to Bethlehem, no room in any inns so that the shepherds could find them

At Home Connections

- How did the shepherds respond to the good news?
- Act out the activity story as people or with Lego people, giving the shepherds and wise men names and different voices. As you go, ask, “What are they seeing?” “What are they feeling?”
- Why is Jesus the best news?
- Have a birthday party for Jesus! Make a cake or some cupcakes, light the candles, turn out the lights and sing Happy Birthday and your favourite Christmas carols