

The Light of Christmas

Luke 2:1-20

The Big Idea: God dwells with us.

Read the passage

Story Summary for Children:

A long time ago, an angel from God appeared to a woman named Mary. He told her that Mary was going to have a baby and that she should name him Jesus. This confused Mary because she didn't see how that would be possible. The angel told her this would be no ordinary baby. He would not have a human father but the father would be God. In fact, Jesus would be God's own Son.

When it came time for Jesus to be born, Mary and her fiancé Joseph were in Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, there was no room at the hotel so they stayed in a barn with animals. Not far away, in a field where shepherds were watching their sheep, an angel of the Lord appeared. The angel told the shepherds "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Then the sky filled with angels singing praises to God. When the angels left, the shepherds hurried off and found baby Jesus exactly as the angel had told them.

Family Lesson Discussion Questions:

1. Who was Jesus? (God's own Son!)
2. Where was Jesus born? (in a barn in Bethlehem)
3. Who did the angels tell first about Jesus' birth? (shepherds)

Family Application Discussion Questions:

1. Why did God come to earth as Jesus?
2. Is God still with us? How?
3. Can you think of a way that we can celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas time?

Memory Verse: *"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."* (Luke 2:10-11)

Parents: Talk with your children about the real meaning of Christmas—the fact that God became a human being (Jesus) to rescue us from darkness. Then talk about ways that you can celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.