



Jesus Is Born

Lesson 2

Listen carefully to this story found in Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 2.

Last week we heard the story about the angel bringing Mary good news. The angel told Mary that she was going to have Baby Jesus, God's Son. When Mary told Joseph—her future husband—the surprising news, he wasn't sure what to do. He didn't know if he should still marry her. Then one night, Joseph had a dream. In the dream, an angel appeared to him and told him, "Don't be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. The baby she is carrying is God's Son and you are to give him the name Jesus." So, Joseph and Mary kept their plans to be married.

Caesar Augustus made a rule that said everyone needed to be counted in their home town. So Joseph and Mary packed their things and went on a journey to the town of Bethlehem. It was almost time for Mary's baby to be born, so Mary rode on a donkey into town. When they finally got to Bethlehem, it was very full of people. Everyone was there to be counted at the same time, so there wasn't anywhere for them to sleep. Joseph and Mary tried to find a room at an inn, or hotel, but they were already full of people. Finally, a kind innkeeper offered to let them stay in his stable where the animals lived. He could see that Mary was going to have a baby soon. While Mary and Joseph were there, the baby was born! Baby Jesus, God's Son was born in a stable! There were probably lots of animals around Baby Jesus, like cows, goats, sheep, chickens, and donkeys. The Bible tells us that Mary wrapped Jesus in cloth and laid him in a manger, which is an animal's feeding trough. Isn't that a funny place for a baby? But Joseph and Mary were so happy that God's Son had been born. They knew that God loved us so much that He had sent Baby Jesus to be born as our Savior. This is what we celebrate at Christmas time because Jesus is the best gift ever given to us!



LEARN



Answer these questions about the story you just heard.

1. What was Joseph trying to decide? _____
2. Who told Joseph to marry her? _____
3. Why did Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem? _____
4. Where did they sleep when they got to town? _____
5. What kinds of animals do you think were in the stable? _____
6. What did Mary do after Jesus was born? _____

7. Why were Mary and Joseph happy? _____
8. When do you celebrate Jesus' birth? _____

Memory Verse

Memorize this verse to help you remember our story about Jesus' Birth.

Today your Savior was born in the town of David.
Luke 2:11a NCV

I have learned my verse and said it to _____.



Finish the Picture

Listen carefully and follow the directions below.

1. Find the baby and color his bed brown.
2. Find the star and draw three more.
3. Color the animals their real colors.
4. Circle the baby's mother.



LIVE



Terry the Tiger is showing us the sign for “baby” to help us remember our value, “Jesus is born.” Do the sign and say the value several times so you don’t forget it.



Terry has left his paw print somewhere in this lesson. Can you find it? Put a circle around the paw print.