

The Story at Home

Timeless Truth: God sent a Savior for the world. I can believe Jesus is my Savior.

Bible Verse: "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Key Passages: Mtt 1:19–24; 2:1–3; Luke 1:26–55; 2:1–20; 2:41–51; John 1:1–18

Resources: *The Story for Kids* Ch. 22: "The Birth of a King."



Grades 5/6

Grades 2/3/4

Any time is the perfect time to celebrate Jesus Christ's birth. Watch a video of the Go Fish song "Christmas with a Capital C." You can find two versions on YouTube.

One of the videos shows pictures of the Go Fish band members. The other pictures a house that has its Christmas lights timed to go with the song. Your family could watch each one as you listen to the song's powerful lyrics.

Society is trying to push out the miracle of Christ's birth from the holidays. But like the song says, "Jesus came down to take the punishment for me. He did it for you, too, so maybe you can see why it's called Christmas."

Fight the trend of taking Christ out of Christmas by putting Christ in everyday. Think of somebody you know who could use a dose of cheer. As a family pick out a present that costs less than \$10. Wrap it and give it to them. Let them know that Jesus has given you so much that you want to give a little away, too. Jesus' love can't be contained! And when Christmas comes around, make sure that everybody around you knows that Jesus loves them.

Watch this surprising video on Christ's birth:
www.creativepastors.com/product_1764?stream=Upside_Down_MPEG1.

The video begins with a person who doubts the miracle of Jesus' birth. But once Jesus changes his heart and gives him hope, the same text is read upside down. The truth is Jesus turns our lives upside down. Instead of being selfish, we become selfless. Instead of wanting earthly treasures, we lay up treasures in heaven. After watching the video, have family members talk about one difference that Jesus has made in their lives.

Mary was probably a teenager when an angel appeared to her and said, "The holy one that is born will be called the Son of God." She immediately believed and prayed to God.

React to these parts of her prayer:

She said she was unimportant, but now will be called blessed.

She said God scatters the proud.

She said God sends the rich away empty.

She said God has been kind to his people, like he said he would long ago.

John writes that life was in Jesus and "that life was the light for all people." What do you think that means?

Is God's light for all people? If so, why don't all people know Jesus as Savior?

When Jesus was 12, he ditched his parents and hung out at the temple. Did he seem sorry for his actions?

Do you think Jesus did anything wrong by not telling his parents that he was hanging back in Jerusalem?

Why did Jesus have so much wisdom when it came to the Scriptures?

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