



## Family Worship - Jesus' Birth

As we start today, choose a song from the list below and listen to it, think about the lyrics, and maybe even sing along.

- ["Away in a Manger"](#)
- ["Silent Night"](#)
- ["O Little Town of Bethlehem"](#)
- ["Mary Did You Know?"](#)
- ["Messiah"](#)

As we prepare to discuss Jesus' birth, look up Luke 2:1-7 in your Bible or Bible app.

We've heard the story of Jesus birth numerous times. However, the familiarity of the story may cause us to forget the miraculous occurrences, the promises fulfilled, and the significance of how the story unfolds.

Imagine yourself as a teenage girl, engaged to be married. The nervous excitement was interrupted by an angel telling you that God had selected you to be the mother of the Son of God. What were some of the feelings Mary may have felt?

Imagine yourself as a young man preparing to start a family with a new bride. An angel appears and tells you that your future bride will birth the Messiah. What were some of the feelings Joseph may have felt?

From the scripture, why did Mary and Joseph leave their home so close to Jesus' birth? What was the name of the city they travelled to? In what kind of place was Jesus born?

In reading the Christmas story, I am reminded that nothing surprises God. He knew there would be a census. He knew Bethlehem would be crowded with no rooms for Mary and Joseph...and Jesus was born just as God planned. God provided for Mary and Joseph in the perfect way and at the perfect time. He is no different now than He was 2,000 years ago. God provides, and God gives us hope.

Reflect on some of the ways God has met your needs at the perfect time in the perfect way. Share some of these moments with your family, if you feel comfortable doing so.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for your caring for our needs in the perfect way and at the perfect time. Help us to have the faith of Mary and Joseph and obey You fully. May we continually celebrate the gift of Jesus every day. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT
Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts
Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude
Revelation