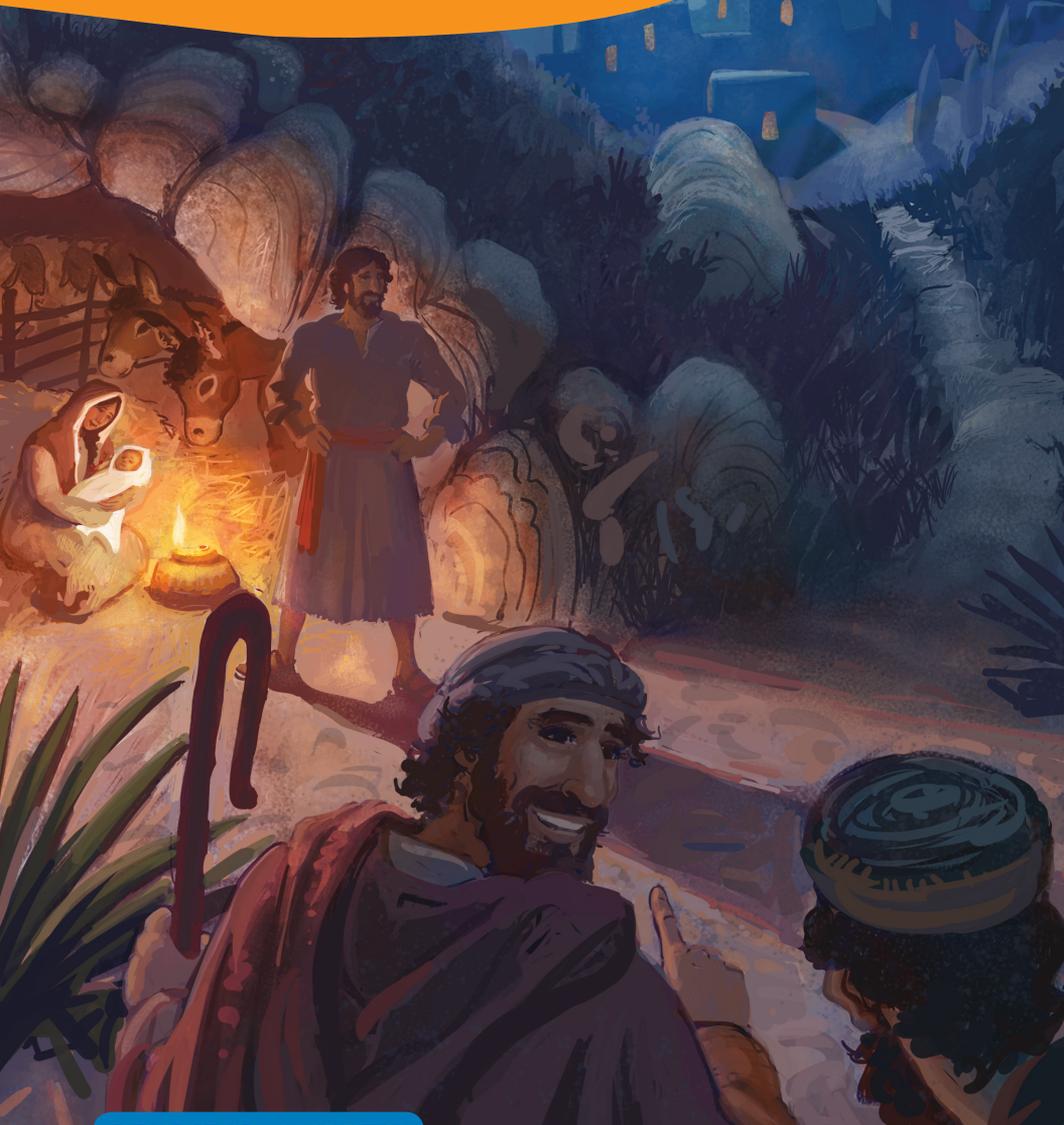


JESUS CAME

Matthew 1:18-25; Mark 1:35-39,45; Luke 2:1-20

Text Truth: Jesus was born in Bethlehem.



BIBLE STORY NUGGETS

- Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem.
- Baby Jesus was born.
- Mary, Joseph, and shepherds were happy Jesus was born.
- God sent Jesus to help people.

PARENTS,

Christmas is a busy time. Many things will happen during the season. You can help your young preschooler know about Jesus at Christmas. Say: “Jesus was born in Bethlehem.” As you participate in family Christmas celebrations, look for times to say: “Jesus was born!” Your child is just beginning to discover what Christmas is and what it means.

TODDLERS
BIBLE STORY

JESUS CAME

Matthew 1:18-25; Mark 1:35-39,45; Luke 2:1-20

An angel told Joseph some news. “Mary is going to have a baby. Don’t be afraid. This is what God wants. Name the baby Jesus.”

Joseph went to get Mary and married her.

Later Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem. Joseph found a place for Mary to rest. Joseph watched over Mary and cared for her.

Soon the baby Jesus arrived. Mary wrapped Him in soft cloths. She laid Him in a manger bed.

Angels praised God for Jesus. The angels told shepherds that Baby Jesus was born.

The shepherds hurried to see Jesus. They thanked God for Him.

Mary and Joseph and the shepherds were happy that Jesus was born.

Later, when Jesus became a man, he taught people and helped them. Jesus said, “This is why I have come.”

FAMILY ADVENTURE LOOK AT CARDS

Locate a few Christmas cards that show baby Jesus and put the cards in a small box. Do not choose cards with glitter or glued items on them. Add the Diaper Bag Card to the box. Guide your baby to take the cards out then put them back in the box. Point to Baby Jesus on a card. Say: “Mary and Joseph were happy when Jesus was born. We are happy that Jesus was born, too.”

FAMILY ADVENTURE PLAY WITH NATIVITY FIGURES

Set figures of Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus on a low table. (Use a nonbreakable nativity set.) Your toddler can move the figures around and play with them. As he plays, say: “Jesus was born for you. Those words are in the Bible. We are happy that Jesus was born.” Help your toddler open the Bible to Luke 2. Say: “We read about baby Jesus in the Bible in the Book of Luke.”