

Who Is Jesus?

Lesson 2

Luke 1 & 2

Memory verse

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son^[a] into the world that we might live through him. I John 4:9

Opener

Do you know who Jesus is? This is our lesson for today. At Christmas time, we learn a very important lesson about why we celebrate Christmas. Jesus is the reason we have Christmas. Jesus is God's Son. God sent Jesus to this world for a reason. We will talk about that in a few moments. First let's see how Jesus came into the world.

Scripture

Luke 1:31-33

You will become pregnant and have a son, and you are to name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his kingdom will never end.

Discussion

In Luke, chapter 2, we can read how Jesus came and where He was born. God sent an angel to tell Mary that she would become Jesus' mother. Through a special miracle, she became pregnant with Jesus.

Luke 1:34-35

Mary asked the angel, "But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin." The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby born to you will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

Ask: How do you think Mary felt, hearing the news that she would be the mother of the Messiah?

Mary was not certain how the birth of a son was possible since she was not married. She was probably a young teenage girl. Her faith was strong. She believed the angel and was a willing servant. Afterwards, she married Joseph, a man to whom she was engaged.

Luke 2: 5-8

He (Joseph) took with him, Mary, his fiancée, who was obviously pregnant by this time. And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the village inn.

Ask: Why do think God allowed Jesus to be born in a manger?

Application

The man at the door knew they needed somewhere to stay. So, he let them stay in the place where they kept the animals. He knew it would be a safe and warm place for them to spend the night.

Suddenly during the night, a miracle happened! Jesus was born. Mary and Joseph didn't have a crib for Jesus, so they put Him in a manger. That is how Jesus was born. Mary was his mother and Joseph was his father (adopted father).

Application

Ask: Have you ever thought about why God sent Jesus?

Can you believe that God went to so much effort to send Jesus to us? He did this for a very important reason.

You see, God is perfect and pure. He cannot let anything into His presence in Heaven that is unclean on the inside. This means that anyone who has done something wrong (sinned) cannot be with God in Heaven.

God decided that there had to be a way for us to get to Heaven. But first, He had to figure out a way to make us clean on the inside, to get rid of all the bad things we have done.

God knew this could only happen if someone who was clean took our place and died for all our wrong things. God sent His only Son, Jesus, to do this. God knew that Jesus was pure and clean. He knew that Jesus could be our substitute and die to take away our sins. He could erase our wrongs so we could go to Heaven.

In Luke 23, we read that Jesus did die for our wrong things. The soldiers nailed Him to a wooden cross. When He died, some of His friends placed Him in a cave grave and sealed it with a big rock. In Luke 24, we read the best news of all!!! Jesus didn't stay dead. He came back to life three days later. Many people saw Him. They saw for themselves that Jesus was alive. Jesus shared with the people that because of what He did, people could be with God in Heaven.

Ask: Do you know what it takes to get to heaven?

You must believe that Jesus died for all the wrong things you have done. Pray, asking God to forgive you for all the wrong you have done. Then, ask Jesus to come into your life. Jesus comes into your life and stays there forever. He helps you be a new person—it's like the old person is gone and you become a new person, trying to do what Jesus wants.