



**December 20, 2020**  
**The Birth of Jesus!**  
**Luke 2:1-20**

In our last two lessons, we learned about two different times when one angel visited one person to give them a special message. The angel, Gabriel, visited Mary to tell her she would give birth to a son. An angel also visited Joseph to let him know that it was okay for him to take Mary for his wife and that she was pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. She would have a baby and they were to call him, Jesus. He would be the Savior of the world. This week's lesson is about the birth of this special baby. In this lesson, we will learn how many, many angels appeared to make the special announcement that Jesus has been born to save all of us from our sins.

Watch this video to learn more about the birth of Jesus:

<https://youtu.be/v3656G6tWuI>

Watch the next video to learn about the great multitude of angels who appeared to announce that Jesus had been born:

<https://youtu.be/TJIC57EvYFo>

**Read Luke 2:8-14**

What good news did the first angel share?

Who was/is this good news for?

Whom did the multitude of angels give glory to for this good news?

How did the multitude of angels say God feels about us?

How should this make us feel?

Ask your parents what special things they did to announce the day you were born. Where were you born? With whom did they share the special news that you had been born? Did they just tell a few people, or did they tell lots of people? How did this news make people feel?

The day you were born was really special. You and your family celebrate the day you were born every year on a special day. This day is called your birthday! What kinds of things do you do to celebrate your birthday? Do you eat special treats? Do people give you gifts?

Christmas is the day we celebrate Jesus' birthday. We celebrate baby Jesus coming into the world on this day. What special treats do you eat around Christmas time? Do you give and receive gifts at Christmas time? We do these things to celebrate and remember Jesus' birthday, but also to remember what Jesus' birth means for us. Jesus was born for a special purpose. He was born to bring us forgiveness for all of the wrong things we do and to make us right with God again so that we can live in heaven with Him someday.

You have a special purpose, too. It's to tell other people this good news that Jesus has been born for you and for them, too! We want everyone to live in heaven with us someday because it is an awesome place! Let's spread the news about Jesus with joy, like the angels did!

You will find the following fun activities attached for you to do throughout this Christmas season:

The **Nativity Song** is a song you can sing to tell the Christmas story. You will sing the song to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It..." Print the cards front and back so that the pictures are on one side and the words to the verses of the song are on the other side. Then cut the cards out. Draw a card out of a hat or bowl to find out which verse you will sing next! Make up your own actions for each verse!

There's a sweet picture of **Baby Jesus** for you to color! If you like, turn it into a birth announcement for Jesus. Things you might put on a birth announcement include: name of the baby, birth date, names of parents, place of birth, weight, and length. Use your imagination and have fun with your design!

There's also a fun **Away in the Manger Dice Game** you can play by yourself or with someone else. You roll a dice to decide which nativity character to place in the stable. When you complete the nativity scene, you win! You might be able to use a dice from another board game that you have at home. If you do not have a dice at home, just cut out the dice pieces from the attached game pages and draw them out of a bowl to see what number you get. Put the dice pieces back in the bowl and mix them up for each round.

As we talked about, the birth of Jesus is something to be shared with other people. We can do this at Christmas time as we share sweet treats and give gifts to others. Attached you will find a recipe for **Simple Gingerbread Cookies**. It is made with common ingredients and no molasses, which is something I don't usually have on hand. As you cut out the gingerbread people, let it remind you that the message of Jesus is a sweet message that is to be shared with other people. Consider making some of these cookies or another sweet treat to share with others, along with the message of Jesus' birth.

Finally, you will find a recipe for **Gingerbread Play Dough** that you could also use to cut out people shapes. It has the sweet smell of gingerbread, but it is not to eat! You can make gingerbread people by cutting them out of the dough with a cookie cutter or just by forming the dough into the shape of a person with your hands. For each person you make, think of someone with whom you could share the good news about Jesus. Then, do just that!

**Prayer:**

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus to be born for us. Help us to celebrate and honor Jesus at Christmas time and with our lives every day. Help us to share the good news about Jesus with everyone we meet. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.