

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **December 20, 2020** Family Theme | **The Promised Messiah Is Born**
Study Text | **Matthew 1:18 – 2:12**

Objective: Help children understand that Jesus, the long awaited Messiah and King, was born to a virgin as promised. We acknowledge and obey Christ as King of our lives.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson tells about the birth of Jesus, God's Son. He was the Messiah whom God had promised long before in the Old Testament, the One who would save us from our sins. The Old Testament pointed to Him. The genealogical record of Matthew demonstrates Jesus met the requirements of being of the royal line of the descendants of David, as well as a son of Abraham.

Bible Basics: Review the names and order of the first five books of the Old Testament and the first four books of the New Testament from last quarter's Bible Basics.

Read the Word: Matthew 1:18 – 2:12

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that for believers, Christmas is about the birth of Jesus. Jesus' miraculous birth happened just as God said it would in the Old Testament. We worship Jesus for coming to save us.



Key Truth: Jesus' Birth Was Miraculous (Matthew 1:18-21)

Jesus' conception was not the result of normal relations between a man and a woman, but rather He was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph and Mary had not come together sexually, and Mary was a virgin. Jesus was born of an earthly mother without the need of an earthly father. This is the doctrine of the Virgin Birth. We can trust God to do whatever is necessary to accomplish His plan.



Key Truth: Jesus' Birth Was Promised in the Old Testament (Matthew 1:22-25)

After recording the miraculous events that surrounded Christ's birth, Matthew gave more evidence that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah, taking his audience back almost 700 years to when the Prophet Isaiah had declared that God would provide a "sign" concerning the Messiah (Isaiah 7:14). A virgin would conceive and give birth to a son. Jesus was the ultimate fulfillment of that prophecy. We can rely on everything God says in His Word.



Key Truth: Wise Men Worshiped the Promised Savior (Matthew 2:1-12)

Meanwhile, in the East, magi had seen what they understood to be a star announcing the birth of the king of the Jews. Magi carefully observed the stars, always alert to special signs or heavenly messages in them. The journey began with being open to God's leading back in their homeland comparing their celestial observations. Then they followed God's leading until they found what God wanted them to find. Finding the child led to worshipping the child. Draw close to Christ and worship Him as your Savior.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- How was Jesus' birth different from all others?
- By what means did Mary become pregnant?
- How did Joseph display an openness to follow God's leading?
- Why would it have been difficult for Joseph to take Mary as his wife after finding out she was pregnant?
- How do the details of Christ's birth give us confidence we can trust God's Word?
- How will you worship the Savior who came to save you from your sins?
- **For Elementary:** What do you learn about trusting God from Mary and Joseph?
- **For Elementary:** What did the shepherds do after seeing the promised Messiah?
- **For Elementary:** How did the wise men respond when they found Jesus?

Everyday Extras

Make a game of searching for baby Jesus from your nativity set (preferably an unbreakable one). One family member hides the small figurine, then the others must search for it. You can add a flashlight "star" to help them if you want to. Talk together about the wise men who traveled so far to find the promised King. Jesus wants everyone to find Him!

Make a batch of Forgotten Cookies together with the simple recipe below. Talk about having to wait so long for the cookies, but how wonderful they will be when you eat them. Remind your family that many years passed between the time God promised a Messiah and the time He came. He was a wonderful gift!

Forgotten Cookies

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Beat 2 egg whites until thick and creamy (nearly stiff peaks) with an electric mixer. Add 2/3 cup sugar and beat until stiff. Gently fold in 1 cup of mini chocolate chips and 1 teaspoon of vanilla. Add 1/2 cup finely chopped nuts or a little food coloring if you want. With a teaspoon or small melon scoop, drop the cookie "dough" onto a foil-lined cookie sheet. You can put the cookies close together, but not touching. Put them in the oven and immediately turn the oven off. Do not open the door until morning! Forget about them!

When you get up the next day, remove the cookies from the oven and store them in an airtight container.

Preschool Highlights for &

Today your child learned about two groups of people who came to see the Son of God. An angel appeared to shepherds in a field and told them about the birth of Jesus. They quickly went to see the newborn baby. The wise men saw a new star in the sky and knew it was a message that Jesus had been born. The wise men followed the star and brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **Jesus Is God's Son** and He is special.