

Jesus Is Born

Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20

Bible Point: Jesus was born for us

Christmastime makes us think about presents. And most people give presents at Christmas to show their love for one another. A very long time ago, right before the first Christmas, God gave the world the best Christmas present of all. He gave us Jesus.

Jesus' birth was the best present God could ever give the world! The people had been waiting a long time for God to send a Savior. God sent Jesus into the world to save us—that's why Jesus is called our Savior. Today we'll hear all about how Jesus came into the world.

The Bible tells us Jesus was born for us. Actually, he was born to save the whole world, and he really is the best Christmas gift we could ever receive. Let's hear about Jesus' birth from an angel, Gabriel.

Luke 1:28-31

The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus."

When it was almost time for Jesus to be born, Mary and her husband, Joseph, had to make a long trip. The ruler of the country said that all the people had to go back to their hometowns so they could be counted.

Luke 2:1-2

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

God wanted Jesus to be a present for everyone in the world, no matter who they were. The first people God told that Jesus had been born were some nearby shepherds. Let's hear what happened with the shepherds.

Luke 2:8-12

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."



Let's find out what the shepherds did.

Luke 2:15-18

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

The shepherds couldn't wait to tell the news that Jesus had been born! It was such good news that they wanted all the people to know about Jesus. The good news of Jesus is for all people, including us!

We celebrate Christmas because it's Jesus' birthday and Jesus was born for us! God gave us Jesus because he loves us. Jesus is the best present we could ever get. If we believe in Jesus, we can live forever with God in heaven. What wonderful news!

Baby Jesus Paper Craft:



Supplies:

Colored Paper- green, brown, yellow, blue
Scissors, Glue Stick, Marker

Instructions:

Cut out three brown rectangles for the manger, lots of strips of yellow paper for hay, one circle for baby Jesus and out of the blue paper, cut a "peanut" shape for baby Jesus wrapped in a cloth. Assemble the manger (see pictures below) and draw a sleeping face on the circle for baby Jesus.

Glue the circle on the blue "peanut" shape to create swaddled baby Jesus, then place him in the manger.

