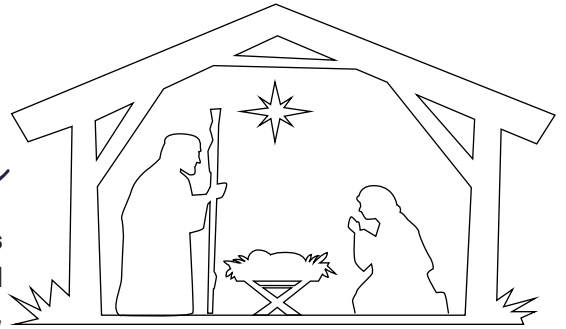


The First Christmas



Have you ever wondered what the very first Christmas was like? Today we are going to look a bit closer at what happened that first Christmas using 3 steps: **LOOK / LEARN / LIVE.**



LOOK

What does the passage say?

As you read a Bible passage, it's good to look out for important characters

and words. Try marking or colouring the words so you can see them easily.

Here are some words to look for, and some suggestions how to mark them:

Underline any places that are named

Any mention of the Baby / Child

Joseph



Mary



Look at where you have marked words and answer these questions.

Where did Joseph and Mary travel from?

Why did Joseph go to Bethlehem?

What two things did Mary do with her baby?

1) _____

2) _____

What were the shepherds doing?

Who appeared to the shepherds?

LUKE 2:4-14

⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

LEARN

What does the passage mean?

Now that you've looked at the passage, it's time to think more about what this means.

Can you remember what the angel told the shepherds? Fill in the blanks below.



“ _____, for behold, I bring you _____
 _____ of great _____ that will be for _____ the
 _____. For unto you is _____ this day in the city of _____ a
 _____, who is _____ the _____.”

Now answer the following questions.

How does the angel describe the news? _____

Who was the angel speaking to? _____

Who is this news for? Why is that important? _____

How does the angel describe Jesus? _____

The word “Saviour” refers to someone who saves someone else from danger or difficulty. Jesus was born to be our saviour - saving us from our sins (read Matthew 1:21). Sin had broken our relationship with God, and Jesus came to fix it!



LIVE

How should I live this out?

Now that we have read what the passage says, and have thought about what it means, how do we respond? Circle how you want to respond below, or write in your own response.

I am going to praise
 God and say thank you
 for sending Jesus.

I am going to share the
 great news about Jesus
 with someone else.

PRAY

Take time now to thank God for what you have learned, and ask Him to help you live out His Word.

JUST FOR FUN

Find the following words in the WordSearch. Words may be hidden from left or right, up and down, or diagonally!

- ANGEL BETHLEHEM
- CHILD JOSEPH
- LORD MANGER
- MARY NAZARETH
- SHEPHERDS SYRIA

There are two other words hidden in the WordSearch.

Can you find them?

J _ _
 (3 LETTERS)

S _ _ _ _ _
 (7 LETTERS)

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