



New Covenant Fellowship

Activity Booklet for Children
Booklet B
(Suitable for ages 8+)

The Birth of Jesus



Mary and Joseph

God chose a woman named Mary to be the mother of his son. Mary was engaged to marry a carpenter named Joseph.

God sent an angel to tell Mary that she would give birth to a baby boy. His name would be Jesus and he would be the saviour of the world. Mary became pregnant by God's miraculous power.



An angel visits Mary



Read the story in Luke 1:26-38.

At first Mary was worried and confused. But when she understood, she was filled with joy and sang a song of praise. Read Mary's song in Luke 1:46-56.

When Mary was happy, she sang praise to God. What songs do you like to sing when you're happy?



Read about Joseph's reaction in Matthew 1:18-24. How do you think Joseph felt when he heard the news?

Journey to Bethlehem

The ruler of the country said that everyone had to return to their hometown to be registered. Mary and Joseph had to travel to a town called Bethlehem. It was nearly time for Mary's baby to be born, but they could find nowhere to stay. The only place for them to sleep was an animal shelter.



Read the story in Luke 2:1-5.



Unjumble these words from the story.

HTMELEBHE

RAYM

PSEHOJ

MAINLA

ETLRSEH

NEJONURY

AROD

WOTN



Jesus is Born

Mary's baby was born in the animal shelter. Mary wrapped him in cloth and laid him to sleep in an animal feeding trough. She named him Jesus, just as the angel had said.



Read about it in Luke 2:6-7.



Finish the picture of baby Jesus in the animal feeding trough.



Shepherds Hear the News About Jesus

In the fields nearby there were shepherds looking after their sheep. God sent angels to tell them that a special baby had been born in an animal shelter in Bethlehem.

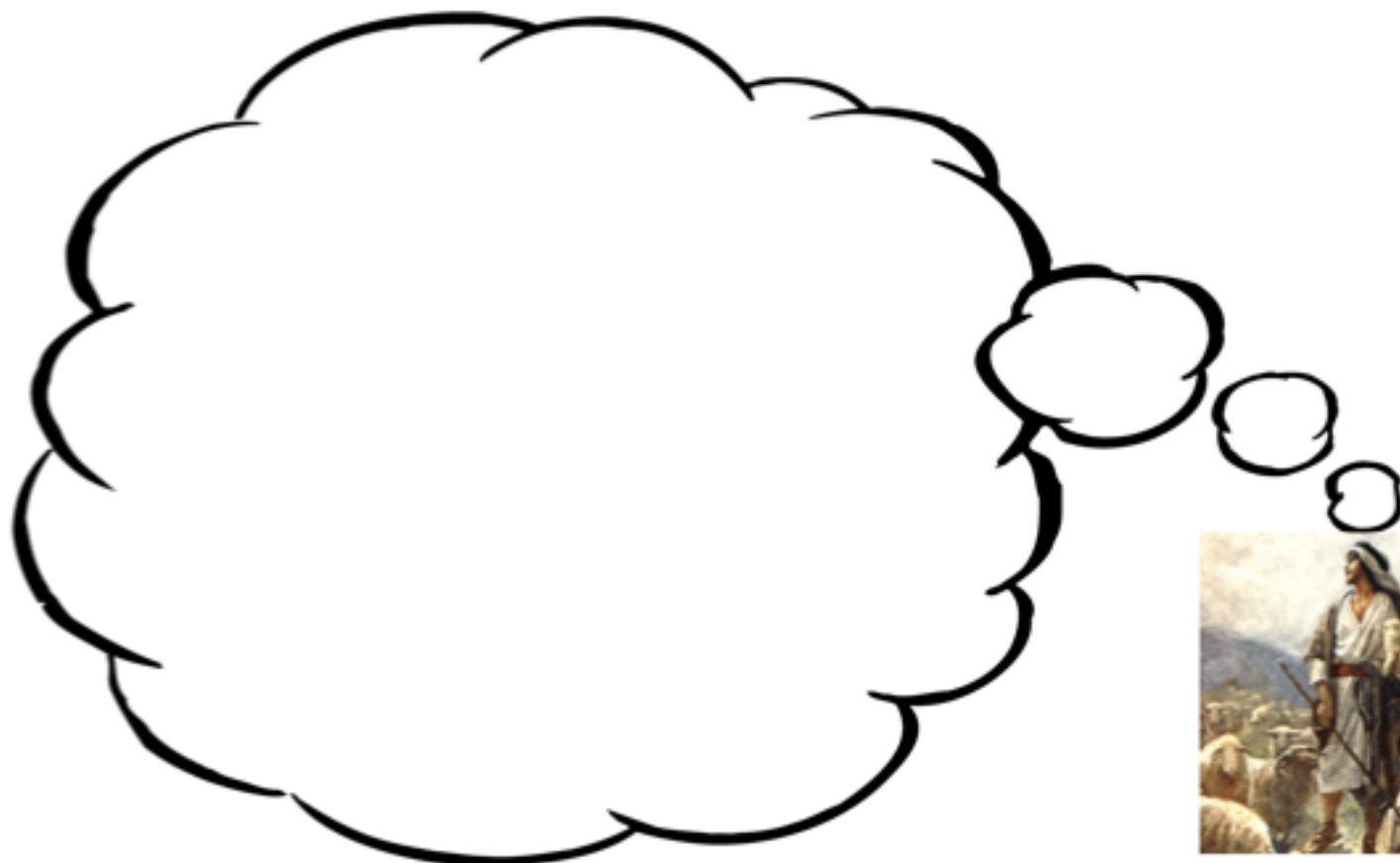
The shepherds were frightened when they saw the angels. But when they heard about the special baby, they were amazed! They hurried into Bethlehem to find the baby. They saw Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus. They were so happy. They praised and thanked God!



Read Luke 2:8-20 to find out what happened.



What do you think the shepherds would have been thinking?



Wise Men Travel to See Jesus

In a country far away there were wise men who had heard that a special baby had been born. He was special because he would be a king. They travelled a long way to find him. They asked the King if he knew where to find this baby.

King Herod asked his advisors, and they said that the special baby had been born in Bethlehem. So, the wise men travelled to Bethlehem and found Jesus with his parents Mary and Joseph. They brought him expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



Read the story in
Matthew 2:1-12.



The gifts they brought were just right for a king.

Draw a line to match up each of the gifts with their descriptions.



An oil used for healing
and for perfume.



Frankincense

An expensive metal
used for jewellery.



A sweet-smelling mineral
burned as incense
to honour God.

Evil King Herod

When King Herod heard about this special baby, he was jealous. The wise men had said that Jesus would be a king. Herod was afraid that Jesus would take his place as king. He wanted to make sure that this never happened, so he sent soldiers to kill all the baby boys in the area around Bethlehem.

But God sent an angel to warn Joseph to escape to Egypt. Mary and Joseph took Jesus there and waited until it was safe to return to their home town of Nazareth.



Read the story in Matthew 2:13-23.

Write a story or a poem telling about Mary's and Joseph's experiences when they escaped to Egypt. How do you think they felt?

Jesus Grows Up

Jesus grew to be a happy and obedient child. Joseph taught him how to be a carpenter. Jesus loved God and helped other people all his life. Even though he was God's son, he grew and learned, just like us.



What can you do to help other people?
Draw or write some of your ideas in the box.

What can you remember from the story?

Can you find these words in the word search?

Mary
Joseph
Jesus
Angel
Baby

Pregnant
Birth
Bethlehem
Shepherds
Wise men

Gifts
Herod
Nazareth
Egypt
Carpenter

