

UNIT VERSE

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

JOHN 3:17 (ESV)

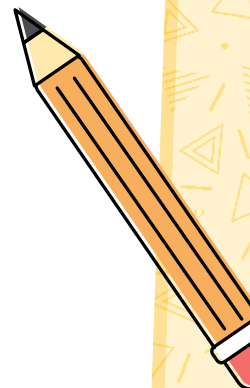
GOOD NEWS
Long Ago

The birth of Jesus was good news! How could it have been shared back then? Color the ornament red if the way could have been used when Jesus was born. Color the ornament green if you could use the way to spread the good news today. Hint: One ornament can be colored both colors. Can you find it?



Good News Today

How will YOU tell others about the good news that Jesus was born? Draw a picture of yourself using something from an ornament above to tell others the good news of Jesus' birth.



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CONVERSATION

Jesus Was Born

LUKE 2:1-20

During the time Mary was pregnant with Baby Jesus, the Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus, announced that everyone needed to return to his hometown to be counted. Because Joseph was a descendant of King David, Joseph and Mary left Nazareth and traveled to Bethlehem, the city of David.



The time came for Mary to have her baby. Mary and Joseph looked for a place for Mary to stay, but there was no room for them in the inn. So Mary and Joseph found a place where animals were kept. Mary had her baby, Jesus. She wrapped Him snugly in cloth and laid Him in a manger.

Outside the city shepherds were in the fields watching their sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord stood before them! A bright light shone around the shepherds, and they were terrified! The angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid! I have come to bring you good news. This news is for all people! Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in Bethlehem! You will find the baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a manger.”

Many angels appeared. They praised God and said, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace, good will to all men.”

The angels left, and the shepherds immediately went to Bethlehem to find Baby Jesus. They found Mary, Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in a manger.

When the shepherds left, they told everyone they met about the child. Everyone was amazed at what the shepherds said. As the shepherds went back to their sheep, they praised God for everything they had seen and heard.

Mary remembered everything that had happened.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: John 3:17

LIFE POINT: Jesus’ birth was part of God’s plan of salvation.

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Jesus Was Born* in Bible Studies for Life on the LifeWay Kids App for Bible stories, games, and more.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Today your child learned that Jesus’ birth was part of God’s plan of salvation. Jesus was born as a lowly person, not a king, to show people how to follow God.

LIVE IT OUT

If your child is not a Christian, this would be a great time to share the plan of salvation with her. If your child is a Christian, help him role-play telling the plan of salvation to a friend.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God provided a plan for salvation because He loves me.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: John 3:17

Monday: John 20:31

Tuesday: 1 Timothy 1:15

Wednesday: Ephesians 5:23

Thursday: 1 John 4:14

Friday: Hebrews 2:9

Saturday: 1 John 5:11