

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What is the best news you've ever heard?
- Is it hard or easy for you to wait for something? How do you think God's people felt waiting for the Messiah?
- How do you feel knowing that God the Son came to earth to rescue sinners?

Jesus Was Born

John 1

STORY POINT: JESUS CAME TO BRING US LIFE.

John, one of Jesus' disciples, wrote to tell people about who Jesus is. John wrote that the Word—Jesus—existed before the world even began. The Word has always existed with God, and the Word has always existed as God. He was with God in the beginning. When God spoke at creation, all things were created through His Word.

The Word brought life into the world and light for all people. God sent a man named John the Baptist to tell people about the light so they might believe. The true light was coming into the world to give light to everyone.

When Jesus came into the world, people did not recognize Him. His own people did not accept Him. But this is good news: to everyone who did accept Him, He gave them the right to be children of God.

The Word became a human and lived among us. He was full of grace and truth. People received blessings from Jesus, grace upon grace.

No one has ever seen God, but Jesus—God's one and only Son—has shown us what God is like.

Christ Connection: The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was no ordinary baby. He was God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world as a human to bring us life. He brought light into darkness and showed us what God is like.





In-car-what?!

Fill in the blanks with the letters from *INCARNATION* to discover the definition. (10 = tenth letter)

G _ _ d _ he S _ _ be _ _ me _ hum _ _ .
 10 8 10 6 3 7 4 7 11

How many words can you form from the letters *INCARNATION*? List them below.

John wrote that
beginning, before the world even began.

_____ existed in the

Into the World

For each statement, circle the correct phrase to fill in the missing words.

God sent a man named
to the light.

John

Moses

_____ to be a witness

the sun

the Word

To everyone who accepted Jesus, He gave them the right
to be _____

whatever they wanted to be

children of God

The Word became _____

a dove

_____ and dwelt among us.

flesh

_____ has shown

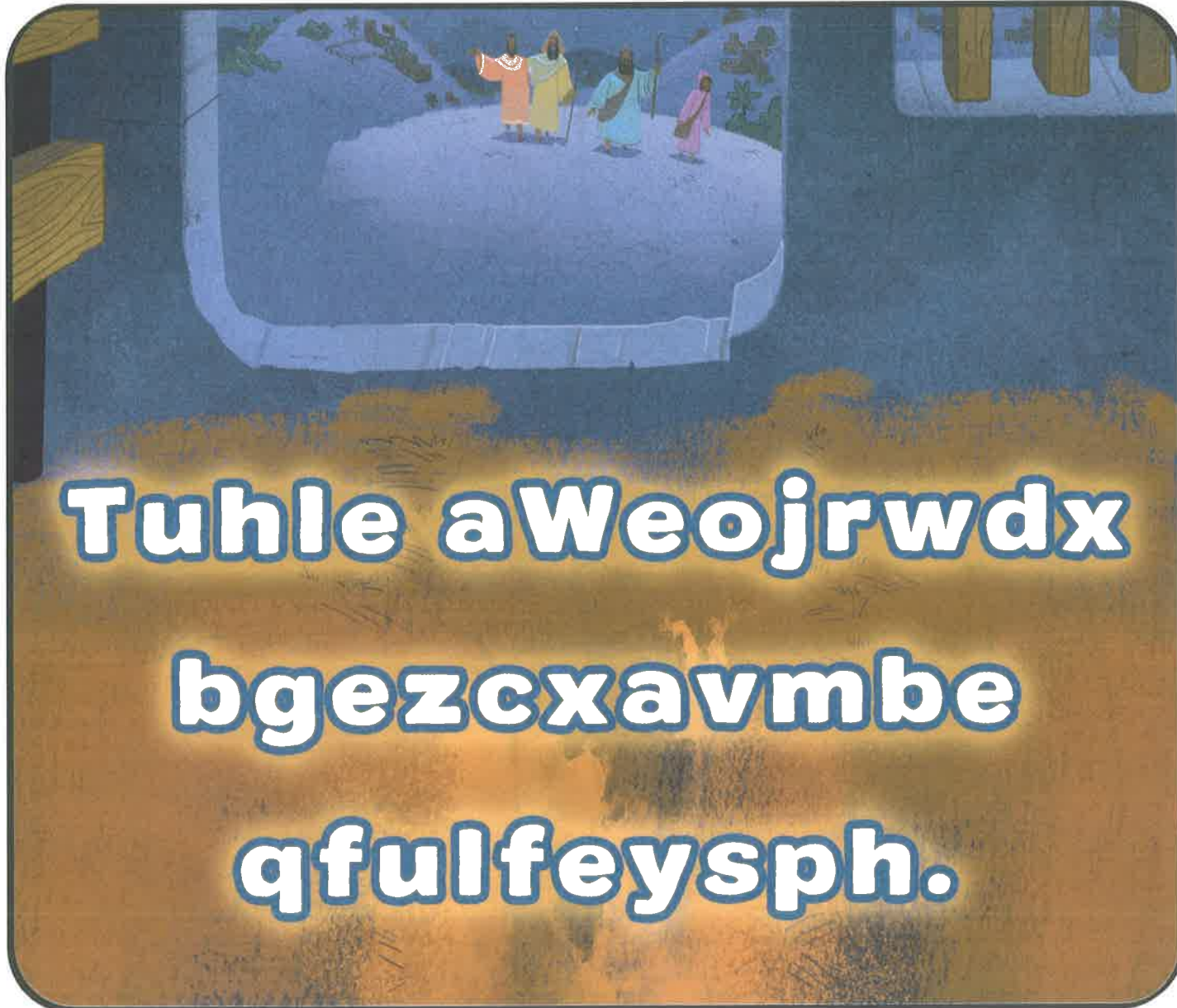
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us what God is like.

Jesus

John the Baptist

The Word Revealed

INSTRUCTIONS: Cross out the second letter and every other letter after that to reveal a special message.



Younger Kids Activity Pages
Christmas • Session 3
Jesus Was Born

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- John explained that Jesus is the Word.
- The Word has always existed with God because He is God the Son.
- The Word became a human—Jesus—and lived on earth.
- Jesus came to bring us life.

KEY PASSAGE: 2 Peter 1:3

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How does the Holy Spirit help Christians? The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God's glory.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What is your favorite Christmas tradition?
- What are some ways you can focus on the true meaning of Christmas?
- What kind of life does Jesus give?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Volunteer with your family at a gift drive that provides toys, clothing, and other items to underprivileged families. Talk to your kids about the difference between physical life and spiritual life found in Jesus. Help them remember why we celebrate Jesus' birth.



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