

# JESUS WAS BORN

Matthew 1; Luke 1-2



God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary. Gabriel said, “Greetings, favored woman! You are going to have a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be called the Son of God, and he will rule over God’s kingdom forever.”

Mary replied, “How is this possible? I’m not even married!”

The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and you will give birth to a son.”

“I am the Lord’s servant,” said Mary. “May it happen just as you said.”

Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph. Joseph planned to quietly end their engagement. But an angel appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, don’t be afraid to marry Mary. The baby is from the Holy Spirit. You are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this happened to fulfill what God promised long ago through the prophet.

Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem to be registered. While there, Mary gave birth to Jesus, wrapped him tightly in cloth, and laid him in a manger.

Shepherds were out watching over their sheep at night. An angel of the Lord stood before them and said, “Don’t be afraid, because I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

When the angels left, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened.”

They hurried off and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger. Then the shepherds went and shared the good news of what they had been told.

*Christ Connection:* God kept His promise to send Jesus, the Messiah, to save people from their sins. God will keep His promise to save everyone who trusts in Jesus as Savior and Lord.



## LEARN

### THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

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The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Using today's Bible story, fill in the missing words to complete each statement.

1. Mary said, "How is this possible? I am not even \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Gabriel said the \_\_\_\_\_ would come upon Mary.
3. The baby's name will be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The name of the angel that visited Mary was \_\_\_\_\_.
5. "Nothing is \_\_\_\_\_ with God."
6. "Jesus will save the people from their \_\_\_\_\_."

» What does this story teach us about God?

» Why is it important that Jesus is both fully God and fully man?

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### GOSPEL DISCUSSION

The truth that God is with us still applies to us today. God promises to be with everyone who repents of sin and believes in Jesus as Savior (Hebrews 13:5-6).





## THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

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» Find John 3:16 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for sending His Son, Jesus, to die in our place. Ask Him for help to trust Him with everything in your life and to grow more in your faith each day.

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### READ THE WORD

Think about how we can follow the examples of Mary and Joseph and trust God's plan. Read one of the following passages each day this week:

Proverbs 3:5-6

Psalm 118:8

Psalm 37:5

Isaiah 26:3-4

Phillipians 4:6-7

John 14:27