

VILLAGE KIDS

Advent Activity Book

A FAMILY GUIDE
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 5



WHAT IS ADVENT?

Christmas is about anticipation. It's about longing to see our Saviour come to earth. It's about telling an important story - a true story. God became a man to bring light into the world. That man is Jesus. Immanuel, God with us.

We use the word "Advent" when we talk about Christmas, because it means celebrating the coming of Jesus to earth, learning about everything he has done for us, and inviting him into our lives with anticipation. We've given you scripture to look up, questions to discuss and stickers to put on your advent tree. We hope your family will enjoy your encounter with the entire storyline of the Bible as you work through this guide!

DEC. 1

GENESIS CHAPTER 1

CREATION

EVERYTHING IS GOOD



MAIN STORY POINTS

- In the beginning there was only God.
- God created the universe out of nothing.
- God made man in his own image.
- Everything God made was very good.

God saw everything he had made. And it was very good. There was evening, and there was morning. It was day six. — Genesis 1:31

QUESTIONS

On what day did God create human beings?

Day 6.

How are we different than the other parts of God's creation?

We have everlasting souls. We can do some of the things God can do like think, love, create, and rejoice.

Do you think God needed to create the world to be happy?

No. God doesn't need anything from anyone to be happy. He has himself. He wanted to create the universe to display how awesome he is.

DEC. 2

GENESIS 2:17 & 3:1-9

THE FALL

EVIL ENTERS THE WORLD



MAIN STORY POINTS

- God said eating the fruit would bring death.
- Adam and Eve disobeyed God.
- This was the first sin.
- Sin brought God's curse and death to all people.

God said, "You must not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you do, you can be sure that you will die"

— Genesis 2:17

QUESTIONS

What is sin?

Sin is disobeying God.

What are the consequences of sin?

Death and separation from the love of God forever are the consequences of sin.

God said Adam and Eve would die if they ate the fruit, so why didn't he kill them right away?

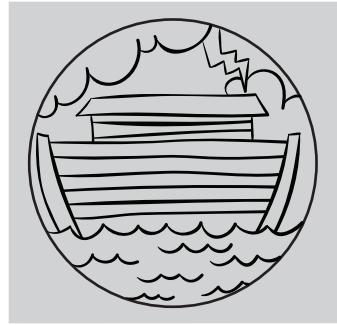
God didn't kill Adam and Eve because he still loved them. It was His plan from the beginning to save them from their sin by sending Jesus to die for them.

DEC. 3

GENESIS 6:5–9:17

NOAH

SAVED BY GRACE



MAIN STORY POINTS

- All humanity had rejected God.
- God said he would destroy all the people with a flood.
- God saved Noah's family and all the animals using the ark.

The Lord saw how bad the sins of man had become on the earth. All of the thoughts in his heart were always directed towards only evil... But Noah found favour in the eyes of the Lord. — Genesis 6:5 & 6:8

QUESTIONS

Did all the people on earth deserve to be destroyed?

Yes, because their hearts and actions were evil.

Why did God find "favour" with Noah?

It was because of God's grace. "Grace" means God is pleased with us and shows kindness to us, even though we don't deserve it.

What is the best example of God's grace in our lives?

That Jesus (God the Son) would come to earth as a human, live a perfect life, and die for our sins, and rise again on the third day.

DEC. 4

GENESIS 9:11-15

NOAH

THE COVENANT OF LIFE



MAIN STORY POINTS

- God made a covenant with Noah.
- God said he would never again destroy all life on earth with a flood.
- God put a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of this promise.

Here is my covenant that I am making with you.
The waters of a flood will never destroy all life again. A flood will never destroy the earth again.
– Genesis 9:11

QUESTIONS

God sent the flood to destroy the world because of sin. Was there sin after the flood?

Yes.

But instead of destroying the earth with water again to deal with sin, God had a better plan. What was his plan to deal with sin?
He would send Jesus to pay for our sins and give us life, forever.

God said the rainbow would remind us of his covenant to never send a flood again. What is a covenant?

A covenant is a promise to do something no matter what (and God always keeps His promises).

DEC. 5

GENESIS 12:1-7

ABRAHAM

WALKING BY FAITH



MAIN STORY POINTS

- God told Abraham to leave his home.
- God promised to bless Abraham.
- Abraham trusted and obeyed God. He took his family into the land that God showed him.

The Lord appeared to Abram at Shechem. He said, "I will give this land to your children after you." So Abram built an altar there to honour the Lord who had appeared to him. – Genesis 12:7

QUESTIONS

How did Abraham obey God?

He left his home, and moved his whole family to the land that God showed him.

Abraham had faith in God. What is faith?

Faith is believing in something even though you don't see it. Abraham believed that God would bless him with land, even though he couldn't see it yet.

When Abraham saw the good land God had given him, he honoured God by building an altar. How can we honour God?

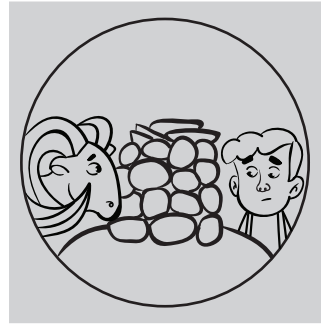
By living completely for him.

DEC. 6

GENESIS 22:1-14

ABRAHAM AND ISAAC

SACRIFICIAL SUBSTITUTE



MAIN STORY POINTS

- God told Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac.
- Abraham was willing to obey God.
- God provided a ram to be sacrificed in Isaac's place.

Abraham looked up. There in a bush he saw a ram. It was caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram. He sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. – Genesis 22:13

QUESTIONS

God tested Abraham's faith by telling him to sacrifice Isaac. What is a sacrifice?

It's when you give something up for a specific reason.

Why was Abraham willing to sacrifice his only son?

He had faith that God's promise to bless him and his family would be true even if Isaac died.

God provided an animal for Abraham to sacrifice instead of Isaac. What does this substitution point toward?

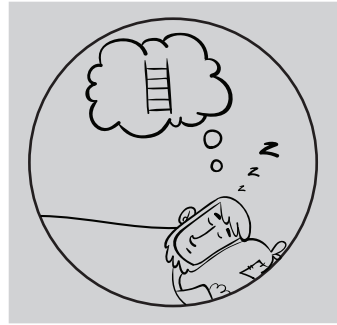
When Jesus would be sacrificed on the cross as a substitute for us.

DEC. 7

GENESIS 28:10-16

JACOB

WATCHED BY GOD



MAIN STORY POINTS

- Jacob had a dream that showed him angels going up and down a ladder between earth and heaven.
- The Lord said he would bless Jacob and always be with him.

The Lord said, "I am with you. I will watch over you everywhere you go and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." –Genesis 28:15

QUESTIONS

What were the angels doing in Jacob's dream?

They were going up and down a ladder between heaven and earth.

What is this a picture of?

It's a picture of a meeting place between heaven and earth. This points forward to Jesus, who will be the strong bridge for us between earth and heaven.

What is God's promise to Jacob?

He will watch over Jacob and fulfill his promise.

DEC. 8

GENESIS 37:12-36 & 50:15-21

JOSEPH

GOD'S PLAN FOR GOOD



MAIN STORY POINTS

- Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery in Egypt.
- Joseph became an important ruler in Egypt because of God's power.
- God used Joseph to save many lives, including his brothers'.

Joseph said, "You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good. He planned to do what is now being done. He wanted to save many lives." –Genesis 50:20

QUESTIONS

What evil did Joseph's brothers do to him?

They sold him into slavery.

What good did God bring out of the situation?

Egypt and all of Joseph's family were saved from famine.

Romans 8:28, tells us that God works "all things together for good for those who love God." Do you believe that?

Just think of the immense good that came from the death of Jesus. Jesus' death paid for our sin and gives us eternal life.

DEC. 9

EXODUS 12:21-28

MOSES

PASSOVER



MAIN STORY POINTS

- God judged Egypt because Pharaoh wouldn't let his people go.
- God sent 10 plagues upon Egypt.
- God made a way to spare the Israelites from the last plague - they killed a lamb and painted its blood on their doorframe.

The Lord will go through the land to strike the Egyptians down. He'll see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe. He will pass over that house.
– Exodus 12:23

QUESTIONS

Why do you think Pharaoh wouldn't let the Israelites go?

He thought he was the one in charge instead of God.

God judged Egypt to show his true strength. What was the last plague?

Every firstborn male would be killed.

What was the Passover supposed to remind the Israelites of?

The mercy of God - he passed over the Israelites' houses, even though they were sinful.

What does the Passover sacrifice point towards?

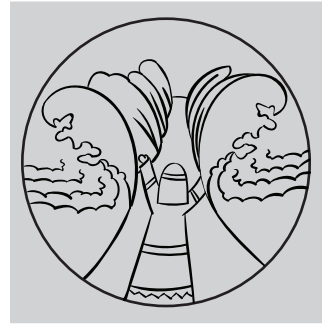
God passes over our sins because of Jesus - the Passover Lamb.

DEC. 10

EXODUS 14:1-31

MOSES

CROSSING THE RED SEA



MAIN STORY POINTS

- Pharaoh finally lets God's people go.
- God leads them to the edge of the Red Sea, but the Egyptians follow.
- God saves his people by leading them through the Red Sea.

God said, "I will make the hearts of the Egyptians stubborn. They will go in after the Israelites. I will gain glory for myself because of what will happen to Pharaoh and his whole army." – Exodus 14:17

QUESTIONS

What is the "glory" that God wants for himself?

His amazingness. To show how wonderful and powerful he is.

How did God receive glory in this story?

He showed that he is more powerful than the Egyptians and that he is gracious and loving because he saved his people in an amazing way.

How does Jesus bring glory to God the Father?

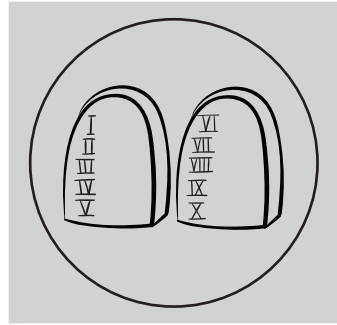
Jesus shows the grace and mercy of God. He took the punishment for our sins on himself. No other god has done that for us.

DEC. 11

DEUTERONOMY 5:1-22

MOSES

10 COMMANDMENTS



MAIN STORY POINTS

- Moses climbed Mount Sinai to meet with God.
- God gave Moses 10 rules about how to live a sinless life.
- God wrote these rules on two tablets of stone.
- The rules were for all people, then and now.

Israel, listen to me. Here are the rules and laws I'm announcing to you today. Learn them well. Be sure to follow them. – Deuteronomy 5:1

QUESTIONS

The 10 commandments show us the best way to live. But is it possible to follow them perfectly?

No.

What do we call it when we break one of God's commandments?

Sin.

So what hope do we have if we can't keep the commandments perfectly?

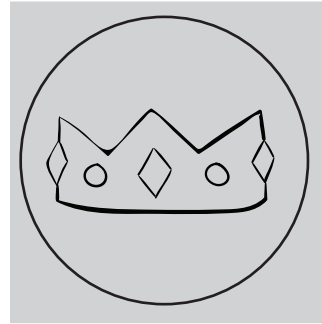
The hope we have is the same one the people had back then: that God would find a way to deal with their sin. Do you know how God did that? He showed people mercy by sending his son to save us.

DEC. 12

2 SAMUEL 5:1-4

DAVID

KING OF ISRAEL



MAIN STORY POINTS

- God chose David to be king over Israel.
- David was a good shepherd to God's people.
- But David was not without sin.

All of the elders of Israel came to see King David at Hebron. There the king made a covenant with them in the sight of the Lord. They announced David as king over Israel. – 2 Samuel 5:3

QUESTIONS

Did God want David to be king?

Yes, God chose David to be king.

Was David a good leader?

Yes, he was the greatest king Israel had ever seen.

Was David perfect? (See 2 Samuel 12:13)

No, David sinned against God.

How is Jesus an even greater king than David?

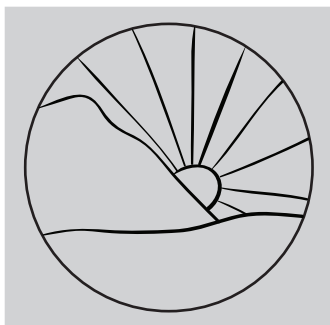
Jesus is fully God and fully man and he never sinned. He leads his people perfectly. He rules the entire universe and will judge all evil one day. He also paid for the sins of every person.

DEC. 13

ISAIAH 9:6-7

ISAIAH

A CHILD WILL COME



MAIN STORY POINTS

- Isaiah was a prophet of God.
- He foretold that a child would be born who brings justice and peace to the world.
- This child will be a gift from God.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. – Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

QUESTIONS

Who is Isaiah talking about?

Jesus Christ.

Did the people know back then that Jesus was the child Isaiah was talking about? Did they know when Jesus was going to come?

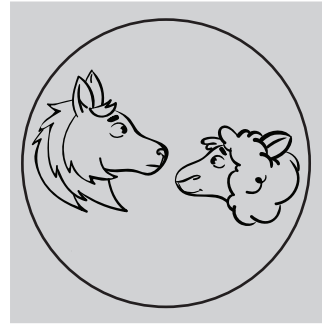
No, instead they trusted that God would send this child at the right time and that he would be a blessing to God's people. Jesus shows us that God's promises always come true. Praise him for that today.

DEC. 14

ISAIAH 11:6-9

ISAIAH

PEACE ON EARTH



MAIN STORY POINTS

- Isaiah shows us how different things will be when Jesus comes back to earth to rule again.
- He tells us in that day peace will extend all over the earth – even to the animal kingdom.
- We can look forward to the complete peace of heaven.

None of these animals will harm or destroy anything or anyone on my holy mountain of Zion. The oceans are full of water. In the same way the earth will be filled with knowledge of the Lord. – Isaiah 11:9

QUESTIONS

What dangerous animals do these verses mention?

Wolves, lions, leopards, bears, and cobras.

How is it possible that these animals will no longer be dangerous in heaven?

Because Jesus will make all things new and perfect. After all, Jesus is the Prince of Peace!

What would you tell a friend about what heaven will be like?

It will be a real, physical, absolute paradise. It will be our world made perfect, and we will be close friends with God.

DEC. 15

ISAIAH 53:1-6

ISAIAH

THE SUFFERING SERVANT



MAIN STORY POINTS

- Isaiah was a prophet of God about 750 years before Jesus.
- He foretold that one day a child would be born who brings peace and justice.
- This child will be a gift from God.

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. – Isaiah 53:5

QUESTIONS

Who is the servant Isaiah was talking about?

Jesus Christ.

Why did Jesus need to suffer and die to make us whole?

Because we are all sinful and sin must be punished with death. Jesus took the punishment that we deserved.

How did Isaiah know what Jesus would do so many years later?

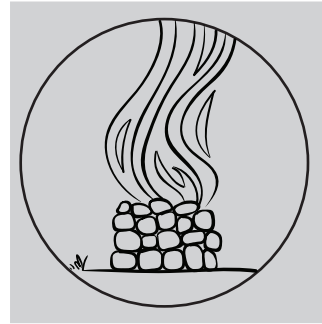
God told him. God had planned all along that Jesus would come to earth as a baby, live a perfect life, and then die on the cross for us. It was always God's plan to show his love and mercy through his son.

DEC. 16

1 KINGS 18:20-40

ELIJAH

FIRE FROM HEAVEN



MAIN STORY POINTS

- Elijah challenges King Ahab and all those that worship Baal.
- They set up two offerings and they both pray. But only the God of Israel shows up with fire from heaven.
- The people who were watching responded by worshipping the one true God.

Elijah said to the people, "If the Lord is the one and only God, follow Him. But if Baal is the one and only God, follow him." – 1 Kings 18:21

QUESTIONS

What was the test for?

To ask Baal and God to burn up an offering.

Why didn't Baal send fire when the prophets prayed to him?

Because Baal doesn't really exist or have any real power. He is a false god.

What was the reaction when the fire of the Lord came down?

The people realized that the Lord is the one true God. They saw that he actually exists and has power. Then they worshipped him.

If you believe that the Lord is the one and only God, what should you do?

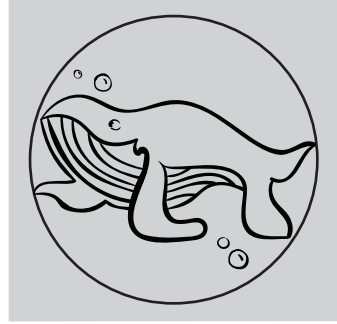
Worship him, just like the people did back then.

DEC. 17

JONAH 3:1-4:11

JONAH

COMPASSION & MERCY



MAIN STORY POINTS

- Jonah told the Ninevites that God was going to punish them for their sin.
- The Ninevites repented of their sin.
- God had compassion on Nineveh and did not destroy it.
- Jonah learned to have compassion for other people.

When God saw what the Ninevites did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said he would do to them, and He did not do it. – Jonah 3:10 (ESV)

QUESTIONS

The Ninevites turned from evil - what does that mean?

It means they stopped living how they thought they should live, and started living God's way. They repented (turned from sin).

God showed compassion to the Ninevites. What is compassion?

It is a loving concern for the suffering of others.

God showed mercy to the Ninevites. What is mercy?

It is not giving someone a punishment or consequence that they deserve.

What does this teach us?

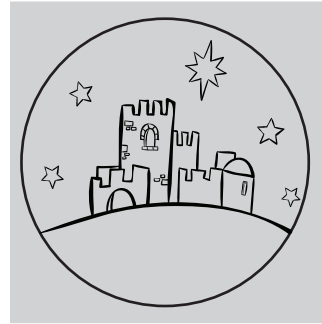
God is merciful to all sinners who turn from their sin and ask him for forgiveness, and we should also act mercifully towards other people.

DEC. 18

MICAH 5:2-4

BETHLEHEM

A LITTLE CITY OF GREAT IMPORTANCE



MAIN STORY POINTS

- Micah was a prophet that lived 750 years before Jesus.
- He foretold that the ruler of Israel would come from Bethlehem.
- This ruler would bring peace to the world.

The Lord says, “Bethlehem, you might not be an important town in the nation of Judah. But out of you will come a ruler over Israel for me.” – Micah 5:2

QUESTIONS

How did Micah know that Bethlehem would be where Jesus was born?

God told him. That’s what prophets do: God tells them things that only he knows, and then the prophets tell everybody.

Bethlehem is a little town. Why do you think God chose for Jesus to be born there?

Jesus came in humility. He came to rule our hearts, and make a way to be right with God. When he returns, He will come in power. God’s grace and love always works in unexpected ways.

DEC. 19

HABAKKUK 2:1 & 3:16-19

HABAKKUK

WAITING ON GOD



MAIN STORY POINTS

- Habakkuk had big questions for God about sin and evil.
- He learned that God has a great plan that will deal with evil.
- He learned that it is good to wait on God and there is always reason to be thankful.

But I will still be glad because of what the Lord
has done. God my Saviour fills me with joy.
–Habakkuk 3:18

QUESTIONS

Will Jesus end all the evil in the world one day?

Yes!

Waiting on God to work things out for us is tough; what can we do to be more patient?

Remember what God has already done for us through Jesus Christ.

What should our everyday attitude be?

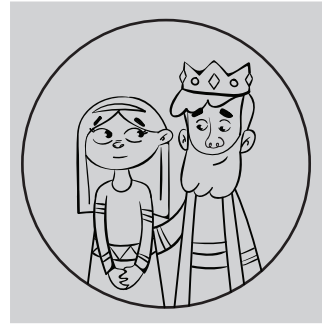
Joyful! No matter what the problem is, we have hope that will not be destroyed. This comes through Jesus who is God, but came to earth as a baby so he could save us. This is amazing!

DEC. 20

LUKE 1:5-25

TRUSTING

GOD WILL DO WHAT HE
SAYS HE WILL DO



MAIN STORY POINTS

- Zechariah and Elizabeth were praying for a child.
- God tells Zechariah that he will have a child, but because he does not believe, he is made silent and must wait.

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah. Your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will have a child. It will be a boy, and you must name him John.” – Luke 1:13

QUESTIONS

What had Zechariah and Elizabeth been praying for?

A baby.

What answer did God give?

They would have a baby boy, and he would be important in the Lord’s eyes.

Why is Zechariah made silent?

He doubted that God could give them a baby because they were so old.

What should we learn from this?

We should trust that God will do what he says he will do.

DEC. 21

MATTHEW 3:1-6

REPENTANCE

MAKES A WAY TO GOD



MAIN STORY POINTS

- John the Baptist was Zechariah's son.
- His job was to prepare people for the coming of the Messiah.
- He told them to turn from their sins because the Kingdom of Heaven is near.

John said, "Turn away from your sins! The kingdom of heaven is near." – Matthew 3:2

QUESTIONS

John told everyone to turn from their sin and repent. What does that look like?

It means you say sorry to God for your sins and start living God's way.

Is turning from sin just about your actions?

No, it's mainly about your heart. You have to start thinking and feeling differently - then you act differently. God's first concern is what's going on inside of us.

Why is repentance important for getting close to God?

Sin always leads away from God, so the first thing we have to do is turn from sin and move towards God.

DEC. 22

LUKE 1:26-33

JESUS

HIS KINGDOM WILL NEVER END



MAIN STORY POINTS

- An angel appears to Mary.
- He tells her that she will have a baby, and that his name will be Jesus.
- He also says the baby will be the “Son of the Most High God,” and that he will rule forever.

You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. – Luke 1:31-32

QUESTIONS

Jesus is called “Son of the Most High God,” does that mean Jesus isn’t God?

No, Jesus is “God: The Son.” He is just as much God as God: The Father and God: The Holy Spirit. The Bible teaches there is one God in three persons. We call it the Trinity!

What kind of king will Jesus be?

Jesus will be a king like David.

How will Jesus be a greater king than David?

His kingdom will never end!

DEC. 23

MATTHEW 1:18-24

JESUS

THE LORD IS SALVATION



MAIN STORY POINTS

- An angel appeared to Joseph to tell him it was okay to marry Mary.
- He said the baby she carried was from God, and that they should name him Jesus.
- Joseph obeyed God.

[Mary] is going to have a son. You must give him the name Jesus. That is because he will save his people from their sins. – Matthew 1:21

QUESTIONS

Where did the angel say Mary's baby came from?

God: The Holy Spirit.

The angel told Joseph to name him Jesus. What does that name mean?

It means "The Lord is Salvation."

What would Jesus save us from?

Jesus would save us from our sins.

So, was it always God's plan to send Jesus to the cross to die for our sins, or did it just happen that way?

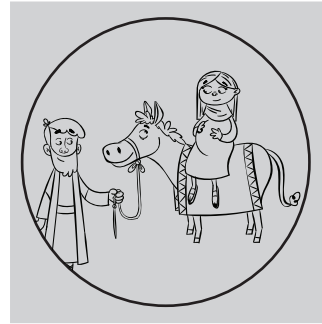
It was always God's plan to send Jesus to die. It was his amazing plan to save us from sin and bring glory to Himself.

DEC. 24

LUKE 2:1-5

JESUS

PROPHECY FULFILLED



MAIN STORY POINTS

- Caesar Augustus, the Emperor of Rome, said that everyone had to go to their hometown to be counted.
- Joseph and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem, Joseph's hometown.

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea. That is where Bethlehem, the town of David, was. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of David. – Luke 2:4

QUESTIONS

Do you remember the prophet who said the Saviour would be born in Bethlehem?

Micah (Micah 5:2)

Do you remember the prophet who said the Saviour would come from the line of David?

Isaiah (Isaiah 9:7)

What does this show us?

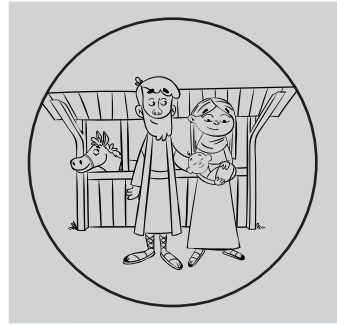
God's prophets were telling the truth, and God's people were right to wait for the coming of the Saviour – Jesus Christ!

DEC. 25

LUKE 2:6-20

JESUS IS BORN

THE WAITING IS OVER



MAIN STORY POINTS

- Mary gives birth to Jesus in a manger.
- Angels appear to shepherds to tell them the good news.
- The shepherds go to find the child.
- The shepherds tell everyone what they have seen.
- Everyone is amazed.

The angel said, "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy. It is for all the people. Today in the city of David a Saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord." Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven appeared praising God. They said: "May glory be given to God in the highest heaven! And may peace be given to those He is pleased with on earth!"
–Luke 2:10-14