

# Jesus, part 3

## Birth

### *Objectives:*

- Look at some facts about Jesus' birth and some of the significance.
- Help students discover how well they know the facts about Jesus' birth, and the Bible and encourage students to study their Bibles regularly on their own.
- To share the Gospel.

### *Checklist:*

- Optional: Decorate the room for the optional Christmas Celebration (see below)
- Be ready to show or tell teens about personal devotion options they can use (see "Followup")

## Optional - Christmas Celebration

**Idea:** The idea of this option is to "celebrate Christmas," whatever month it happens to be - like March, etc. (It would be fine to do this in December too.)

**Before:** Beforehand, decorate the room with Christmas decorations. Maybe have Christmas treats to eat and Christmas music playing.

**Do:** As people come in, say "Merry Christmas" and have everyone get treats, if there are any. Then, whether doing this "Christmas celebration" or not, ask the opening questions...

## Opening

### **Ask:**

- Why do we celebrate Christmas?
- Is it okay to celebrate Jesus' birth at other times of the year beside Christmas time? - why or why not?

## Transition

**Ask:** Who remembers what we talked about last week?  
(We talked about how Jesus' birth was announced to Mary and Joseph)

**Say:**

- Today we're continuing our series about Jesus by looking at His birth.
- Let's play a little game to see how well we know what the Bible says about His birth...

# The Christmas Quiz

(This quiz is adapted/copied from quiz by Mark Nelson, used with permission.)

**Intructions:**

- Divide the class into two teams. For each question, have two teens come forward and face off. The first person to ring a bell (or tap you on your shoulder, etc.) gets to answer. If they get it right, they get a point. If they get it wrong the other person gets a guess...
- Do any followup reading and questions for each question, along the way. For the followup questions, allow anyone in the class to answer and discuss.

**Questions:**

- 1. The genealogy of Jesus is found in which two of these books of the Bible - Matthew, Mark, Luke, John?**

Answer: Matthew and Luke (specifically in Matthew 1 and Luke 3).

Say: Next time we plan to look at some important things we can see in Jesus' genealogy.

- 2. Jesus' mother, Mary, was engaged to a man named \_\_\_\_\_?**

Answer: Joseph

Have someone read Luke 1:27.

- 3. Who does the Bible say made Mary pregnant?**

Answer: God/Holy Spirit

Have someone read Luke 1:35.

Ask: Why is this important? (What does Luke 1:35 say about this?)

- 4. True or False?: Immanuel means "God with us."**

Answer: True

Have someone read Matthew 1:23

Say: As we read John 1, we see that God became flesh and dwelt among us in Jesus. So, Jesus was literally, God with us.

- 5. Which one of the Gospels talks about the Shepherds coming to see Jesus after He was born - Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John?**

Answer: Luke

Have someone read Luke 2:8-20

Ask: What is significant about what is said in these verses?

- 6. Which one of the gospels talks about the Magi (or wise men) coming to see Jesus after He was born - Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John?**

Answer: Matthew

Have someone read Matthew 2:1-10

Ask:

- What is significant about the Magi coming to visit Jesus?
- What was the significance of Jesus being born in Bethlehem?

- 7. What three gifts did the wise men bring Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.**

Answer: Gold, Frankincense (or incense), and Myrrh

Have someone read Matthew 2:11

Say: The magi may or may not have understood that Jesus was the son of God, but they did understand that He was born king of the Jews and they showed Him honor by bringing gifts and they worshipped Him.

- 8. True or False?: Before Jesus was born, Joseph and Mary were told to name Him Jesus.**

Answer: True

Have someone read Matthew 1:21 and someone read Luke 1:31-33

Ask: What did the angel say to Mary about Jesus?

- 9. Which Old Testament prophet said the following?: “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (NIV). Hosea, Jeremiah, Isaiah, or Amos?**

Answer: Isaiah...

Have someone read Isaiah 9:6

Say: This verse is understood to be a prophecy of Jesus, the Messiah.

**10. True or False?: King Hezekiah wanted to kill baby Jesus.**

Answer: False. King Herod wanted to kill Him.

Have someone read Matthew 2:13

Say: So, God protected Jesus through Mary and Joseph.

**11. True or False?: Christmas is celebrated December 26.**

Answer: False, people!

Say: The Bible doesn't give the date Jesus was born, but December 25 is a date that we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

## Followup

**Ask:**

- What important things did we see about Jesus from the verses we looked at today?
- How well do you feel you knew the facts about Jesus' birth, or the Bible in general, after playing the game?
- Why is it important to know what the Bible says?

**Say:**

- One of the main ways God communicates His truth to us is through the Bible.
- I want to encourage you to read the Bible on your own, regularly so you can learn what Scripture says, to help you get to know and follow Him better.
- You can read a little at a time (a chapter or even a paragraph).

**Do:** Show/tell briefly about personal devotion options teens could do (ones the church or youth group has available, ones online, or etc.)

## Invitation

**Say:**

- We looked at some facts around the birth of Christ...
- One of the most important things to realize is that God's Son, Jesus, is the Messiah (God's Anointed One) who was born to die on the cross to save people from sin.
- Romans 3:23 says we have all sinned and Romans 6:23 says the wages of sin is death.
- Because of this, we need a Savior to pay for our sin so we can be made right with God and live with Him eternally...

- Luke 2:11, which we often read at Christmas time, gives good news. It says “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord” (NIV).
- Jesus is Savior to all who trust in Him.

**Do:** Have everyone close their eyes and give a chance for people, if they believe, to quietly ask for forgiveness for their sin, confess their belief in Jesus’ death on the cross to pay for sin and that He rose again, and ask Jesus to be their Savior and Master of their life. Possibly, while eyes are closed, have kids raise hands if they accepted Christ for the first time today.

**Say:** If you have believed in Jesus as your Savior for the first time today or if you have questions, talk to me or another Christian about that, today!

## Closing Prayer

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