

Oct 18 God with Us Luke 1-2, Philippians 2:6-8

Have you ever waited for something exciting to happen? Maybe you were told you were going to go see a movie or go to a theme park. Maybe it's your birthday or Christmas, and you are so excited to open the presents. The people in the Old Testament were waiting for the Messiah (the Savior); they had been given prophecies about His arrival. They were waiting in anticipation, and one day they didn't have to wait anymore.

Luke 1:26-38 Gabriel, an angel, was sent to Mary with a message.

The message: The Lord is with you; you will give birth to a son; you shall call His name Jesus.

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. For that reason the child will be called the Son of God.

Isaiah 7:14 (Fulfillment of this verse)

Immanuel (God with us) The Son of God

Luke 2:1-20 The birth of Jesus.

Luke 2:1- 5

- V 1-2 Historical figures, the census (a call to count the people)
- V 3-4 Joseph is obedient and takes His family to Bethlehem. *Mica 5:2 (the messiah would be born in Bethlehem)*
- V5

Luke 2:6-7

- V6 Jesus is born
- V7 The Messiah, God with us, was born in a stable. No fanfare, no royal palace; He was wrapped in cloth and laid in the place where animals eat.

Luke 2: 8-14

- V8-9:Shepherds in the fields nearby are visited by an Angel of God. (Why were shepherds notified, why not the townspeople or the local government?) The news was for everyone; it started in the fields and then moved into the populated areas. Not the other way around. If it had started in the populated areas, it might not have made it out into the fields.
- V10-12: The news and a sign. Go and search for Him. This is how you will know it's Him.
- V 13-14: Creation praises and celebrates the arrival. Jesus didn't need humans to be there and to celebrate His birth. The angels did it better than any human could. (multitude: commonly used to describe a gathering too large to count)
- V 15- 20 They received the news and immediately got up to go find Jesus. No debate, no question, immediate action. We should be like the shepherds. We should be willing to go and share the news about Jesus with no hesitation. The shepherds shared the news they were told. They saw Jesus and went away praising God.

Gospel connection: God with us. The Messiah is born. He came humbly; the news is for all people. Jesus' birth is still celebrated today, but are we like the shepherds? We have been given the good news that not only was Jesus born, but He also died for our sins and offers forgiveness. A way to fix the separation. The shepherds, when they heard the news, immediately went to go. We should be willing to do the same.

Small Group Questions

Lower Elementary

1. Where was Jesus born?
2. Who was there at Jesus' birth?
3. Who came to visit Jesus after He was born?
4. Who told the shepherds that Jesus was born?
5. What did the angels say about Jesus?

Upper Elementary

1. Who visited Mary to tell her she would give birth?
2. Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem? (What is a census?)
3. Where was Jesus born? (Region, City, Place) Why is it important?
4. What does Immanuel mean?
5. Why do you think shepherds were told about Jesus' birth instead of the local people?
6. What did the shepherds do after the angels told them about Jesus? How can we be like the shepherds?

Activity 1: Coloring page/ Activity

Activity 2: Luke 1&2 Charades.

Call students up and give them a part of the account of Jesus' birth to act out. For the younger kids, chronological order might help them. For the older kids, bounce around the account.

Activity 3: Sword Drills

Isaiah 9:6 → Micah 5:2 → Matthew 1:21 → Luke 2:7 → Luke 2:11.

GOD WITH US

DIGGING DEEPER

October 4th, 2026 

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER.

1. Luke 1:26-28 When the angel Gabriel came to Mary, what did he tell her?
2. Luke 1:29 How do you think Mary was feeling? Was she afraid?
3. Luke 1:30 What two things did the angel Gabriel tell Mary?
4. Luke 1:31-33 What was Mary to call her firstborn son? What did the angel Gabriel say about Him?
5. Isaiah 7:14 Seven hundred years before Luke, what does Isaiah tell us will happen?
6. What does Immanuel mean?
7. Luke 2:1-4 Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem? What house or family did David belong to?
8. Luke 2:6-7 Why did Mary have to give birth to Jesus in a stable? Where did she put Him?
9. Luke 2:8-12 When angels came to the shepherds, what were they? What 3 things did the angels tell them?
10. Luke 2:13-15 After the angels left, what did the shepherds do right away?
11. Luke 2:16-17 When they went to see Jesus, how did they go? What did they do after they saw Jesus?
12. Luke 2:18 All the people that the shepherds shared about Jesus were what?
13. Luke 2:19-20 What did Mary do? What did the shepherds do?

MEMORY VERSE: John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.