

The Birth of Jesus

Main Idea

Although Jesus is truly God, He was made truly human in every way without ceasing to be God.

Parents Read Ahead of Time

- Luke 2:1–20
- Matthew 1:18–25
- ¥ John 1:1–14
- ¥ Isaiah 7:14

Read Together Aloud

¥ John 1:1-14

Lesson Review

- Who is Jesus?
- A Jesus is the Word made flesh, God's eternal Son who became a real human being.
- Q Where did Jesus come from?
- A Jesus came from heaven. He existed with God before He was born on earth.
- What does it mean to be human?
- A To be human means to have a real body and soul—to be born, grow, feel hunger, pain, joy, and sadness.



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- Q How is Jesus similar to you? How is He different?
- A Jesus is like us because He became fully human. Jesus is different from us because He is also fully God and never sinned.
- Q How was Jesus' birth special?
- A Jesus' birth was special because God the Son became a human baby, born of a virgin, to save His people.
- How does our family celebrate Christmas, God's eternal Son becoming a man to save us?

Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds;

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried:

and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended to heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

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Family Devotional Singing

Sing O Come, All Ye Faithful with your family, and notice especially the line "Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing," which reminds us that Jesus is fully God who truly became man for our salvation.

Verse 1

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels:

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord!

Verse 2

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

Glory to God, Glory in the highest:

(Refrain)

Verse 3

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;

Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n;

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:

(Refrain)



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Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank You that He did not stop being God, yet truly became man for us and for our salvation. Thank You that He understands our weakness and that He alone can save us from our sins. Cause our family to receive him, love Him, trust Him, and worship Him—not only at Christmas, but all our days.

In Jesus' name, amen.