

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-20

What might be inside these gifts?

- Is it something to use, or a keepsake?
- Is it something needed, or just wanted?
- Is it for one person or to be shared?

What other types of gifts are there?

Today we will learn about the best Gift ever.



Prayer

Dear God,

There are, indeed, many kinds of gifts. We ask that You would be with us today as we consider the very special gift You gave all people through Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

The Story - Luke 2:1-20

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. {2} This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

{3} So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. {4} Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, {5} to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

{6} So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. {7} And she brought

forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

{8} Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. {9} And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

{10} Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. {11} "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. {12} "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a



Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths,
lying in a manger."

{13} And suddenly there was with
the angel a multitude of the heavenly
host praising God and saying: {14}
"Glory to God in the highest, And on
earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

{15} So it was, when the angels
had gone away from them into
heaven, that the shepherds said to one
another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem
and see this thing that has come to
pass, which the Lord has made known
to us."

{16} And they came with haste

and found Mary and Joseph, and the
Babe lying in a manger. {17} Now when
they had seen Him, they made widely
known the saying which was told them
concerning this Child. {18} And all those
who heard it marveled at those things
which were told them by the
shepherds.

{19} But Mary kept all these things
and pondered them in her heart. {20}
Then the shepherds returned, glorifying
and praising God for all the things that
they had heard and seen, as it was told
them.

What the Story Tells Us - You have been asked to tell some people about the birth of Jesus - but you can only use 5 sentences to tell the story. Write here the 5 sentences you would use.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Outer Aim - Jesus our Savior is born.

What God's Word Tells Us - Speaking of Gifts... Look at the following passages. What are some of the other gifts God has given His people? Highlight or underline the gifts in the passages.

Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

I Corinthians 11:23-26 - For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Galatians 4:4-5 - But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Isaiah 40:8 - The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."

Ephesians 4:11-12 - And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Romans 6:3 - Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

Inner Aim - Jesus, the Promised Savior, is Born!

Passages

Luke 2:11 - For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Titus 2:11 - For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

Isaiah 9:6 - For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Hymn Study - Use Hymn #85 "From Heaven Above To Earth I Come" vs. 1-4 to answer the following.

"From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:

"This is the Christ, our God and Lord,
Who in all need shall aid afford;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.

"To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child, of lowly birth,
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

"He will on you the gifts bestow
Prepared by God for all below,
That in His kingdom, bright and fair,
You may with us His glory share.

1. Who is speaking in verse 1?
2. Which words of verse 2 describe Jesus' mother?
3. Why would this child be the joy of all the earth?
4. Verse 3 says "who in all need shall aid afford". Can you give some examples from your life of times that Jesus has helped you?
5. How would Jesus set us free from sin? (verse 3)
6. What is the ultimate Christmas gift? (verse 4)

Prayer

My heart for very joy doth leap,
My lips no more can silence keep;
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradle-song:

Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto us His Son hath given!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.
Amen.