

**GHWC's Virtual
Vacation Bible School 2020
Unit 5 | Christ the Savior is Born
New King James Version (NKJV) -
The Birth of Jesus**

Introduction

The angel Gabriel had appeared to Mary, a young girl of Nazareth, to tell her that she would be the mother of a king. Not just any king, but one who would reign over God's Kingdom forever. Gabriel's appearance frightened her. Gabriel's message confused her. Yet, Gabriel's promise of the Son of God to be born through her caused her to say: "I am the Lord's servant." (Luke 1:38). Filled with joy and anticipation Mary hurried to visit her cousin Elizabeth who Gabriel announced was also miraculously with child! Together they rejoice in the favor of God upon their lives and the blessings that are to come through them into the world desperately in need of a forerunner—John, and a Savior—Jesus. As you read the Scripture lesson today watch as Gabriel's promise comes to pass. Remember the many sacrifices that Mary and Joseph had to make before Jesus was born and at the time of His birth. What does this story teach you about who God uses to fulfill His promises of love and salvation. How might God be using you to fulfill these promises in the world today?

Scripture - Luke 2: 1—7

Christ Born of Mary

2 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.

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Glory in the Highest

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.

Questions for Meditation:

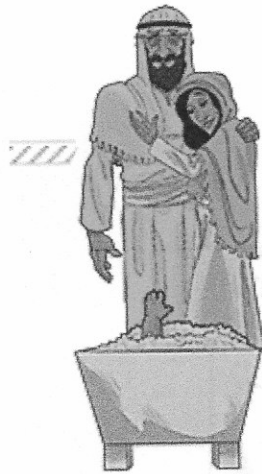
- 1) Who were Mary and Joseph? (see Matthew 1:18—25, Luke 1:26—27)

- 2) Why was it important that Joseph was a descendent of Abraham and of king David? (Genesis 12:1—3, 2 Samuel 7)

- 3) Why do the shepherds and angels rejoice at the birth of Jesus? Why do we rejoice today (not just at Christmas)?

- 4) Extra Credit: Did Jesus have any sisters and brothers? If so, what were their names?

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BIBLE QUIZ

BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH

Read Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2.
Match the question with the answer on the right.

QUESTIONS

- ___ What name did the angel Gabriel tell Mary to name her baby?
- ___ What does the name 'Yeshua' mean?
- ___ Who ordered a census at the time of Yeshua's birth?
- ___ Why did Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem for the census?
- ___ Who was king of Judea at this time?
- ___ Yeshua was of which tribe of Israel?
- ___ Which prophet said a king would be born in Bethlehem?
- ___ What gifts did the Magi give Yeshua?
- ___ What sacrifice did Joseph and Mary offer after Yeshua's birth?
- ___ Which country did Joseph, Mary, and Yeshua live in until King Herod had died?

ANSWERS

1. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh
2. Two turtledoves or pigeons
3. Herod (the great)
4. Egypt
5. Micah
6. Judah (Mat 1:1)
7. Joseph was a descendant of King David
8. Augustus Caesar
9. God is my salvation
10. Yeshua

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Question: What Hebrew name did the angel tell Mary to name her baby?

- #1. Kefa
- #2. Jesus
- #3. Yeshua



Answer: Yeshua

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Question: In which town was Yeshua born?

- #1. Bethlehem
- #2. Nazareth
- #3. Jerusalem



Answer: Bethlehem

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Question: Who was king of Judea at the time of Yeshua's birth?

- #1. King Balak
- #2. King Herod
- #3. King Charles



Answer: King Herod

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Question: How did the shepherds who visited baby Yeshua know where to find Him?

- #1. Caesar told them
- #2. Herod told them
- #3. An angel told them



Answer: An angel told them

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Question: Yeshua was of which Tribe of Israel? (Mat 1:1 & Rom 1:3)

- #1. Judah
- #2. Ephraim
- #3. Zebulon



Answer: Judah

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Question: To escape King Herod, the angel told Joseph to leave and go where?

- #1. Babylonia
- #2. Turkey
- #3. Land of Egypt



Answer: Land of Egypt

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