

The Christmas Story

Bible Study

Scriptures from Luke 1-2 and Matthew 1-2

That God became man (the incarnation) is the miracle of all miracles. He didn't come as a powerful, invincible warrior (as the Jewish people expected), but as a little baby crying in a stable.

1. What is your favorite thing about Christmas?
2. Do you put up a Christmas tree every year? When do you decorate for Christmas?
3. What other Christmas traditions do you observe from your childhood?

Luke 26-38

4. If you had been Mary, what would have been the hardest thing to comprehend?
 - Being favored by God
 - Getting pregnant as a virgin
 - Who her child was going to be
 - How to explain her pregnancy to others
5. How do you think Mary felt about giving birth to the Messiah?
 - Scared
 - Honored
 - Burdened
 - Overjoyed
 - Lonely
 - Clueless
6. How would you feel if an angel came to you today to tell you God's plan for your life?
7. In what area of your life do you need to believe that nothing is impossible with God? **v. 37**

Matthew 1:18-25

8. If you had been Joseph, what would have been the first thing to come into your mind when you found out your fiancé was pregnant?
 - There must be some other guy
 - That's it. We're through!
 - She's never lied to me before, maybe she's telling the truth
 - Surely God must know what He's doing
9. What would you say to friends and family?
10. Did these incidents likely strain or strengthen Joseph and Mary's future marriage relationship?
11. What reason does Matthew give as to why Jesus was born (**v. 21**)?
12. What do you learn about faith from Joseph?

Luke 2:1-20

13. Why do you suppose the Savior of the World was born in an obscure village and laid in a manger?

- To fulfill prophecy
- To show He was human
- It just happened that way
- God didn't want to draw attention to His son's birth
- No place would have been as grand as He deserved

14. Why do you think God chose to announce the birth of His Son to shepherds?

Matthew 2:1-12

15. Why do you think the Magi left everything to follow the star?