



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#C2 - The Living Word
John 1:1-5, 10-14

PICTURES NEEDED

C2-1 Nativity Scene

REVIEW

- **The Big Question Review:** What does God's messenger do?

God's messenger faithfully shares God's truth.

- **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

P—P	Make sign of P
Prophets	Move sign of P out from mouth
Foretold of	Move sign of P in a circle out in front
Jesus' birth	Put arms together like rocking a baby
P—P—Prophets	Same as above
A Savior'd	Form a cross with index fingers
come to earth	Put arms together in a circle over head.



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LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction:** Show visual
What is this a picture of? (picture C2-1) At Christmas, many people set up a nativity (manger scene) as a reminder that Christmas is about Jesus coming to earth.

Who is Jesus? Jesus is the Son of God. He is God who came to earth as a baby. Jesus came to save us from our sin. Our sin separates us from God. Jesus made a way for us to come back into a right relationship with God, by dying on the cross to take the punishment for all our awful sin. This is the good news of the Gospel. Because of what Jesus did we can be right with God and look forward to spending eternity in heaven with him.

The big question for this week is: Who is Jesus?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the discussion questions that follow.

Title: What is the Nativity

Page 1: Luke 1:26-31

(picture of nativity)

The nativity is the scene
of our precious Savior's birth.
Jesus the Messiah
came to live upon the earth.
The humble, little baby
laying in the straw
Is the God of all the universe
we worship with great awe!

Page 2: Luke 1:34-38

(picture of Mary and Gabriel)

His mother was a virgin,
who lived in Nazareth town.
To speak to her the Father
sent the angel Gabriel down.
Gabriel said that Mary
would have a special baby boy.
She would bear the Son of God
to bring all people joy.
Mary was quite frightened,
her heart was full of dread,
But she obeyed the Father's will
and trusted what he said.

Page 3: Matthew 1:18-20

(picture of Joseph and angel)

She was pledged to marry Joseph
and be his loving bride.
Even though the baby wasn't his,
he stayed right by her side.
An angel had told Joseph
to take Mary as his wife,
Because by the Holy Spirit
the child was given life.

Page 4: Luke 2:4-5

(picture of Mary & Joseph on donkey)

God had chosen Bethlehem
as the birthplace of his Son,
That people of all nations
would know he was the One.
So Mary and Joseph traveled
on a donkey far away.
When they arrived in Bethlehem,
they found no place to stay.

Page 5: Luke 2:6-7

(picture of Mary and Jesus)

There in a little stable
 where animals live and eat,
Mary bore a baby son
 and wrapped him in a sheet.
And so God's Son came to earth
 and lay upon the straw,
The baby in a manger,
 the fulfillment of God's law.

Page 6: John 3:16-17

(picture of Jesus in manger)

To save us from our sin
 Jesus came to live on earth,
Prophecy was fulfilled
 through Jesus' humble birth.
The gift God gives through Jesus
 is the greatest gift of all,
Coming as our Savior,
 born in an animal stall.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: What is the nativity? Who was Jesus' mother? Who came to speak to her?

Page 2: What did Gabriel say to Mary? How did Mary respond to what he said?

Page 3: Who was Joseph? Why was he a good man? Why is Jesus called God's Son?

Page 4: What town did God choose as the birthplace of his Son? How did Mary and Joseph get there? What happened when they arrived?

Page 5: Where was Jesus born? Where was he laid? What is God's law? What does God's law show us? How does Jesus fulfill God's law?

Page 6: Why is Jesus the greatest gift of all? Why did he come to earth?

Review: What is the nativity? Who was Jesus' mother? What did the angel Gabriel say to Mary? Who was Joseph? Why was he a good man? What town did God choose as the birthplace of his son? Where was Jesus born? Where was he laid? Why did Jesus come to earth?

Prayer: Thank God that both Mary and Joseph were faithful to do what he said. Thank him for sending his Son to save you from your sin. Thank God that Jesus followed the law and lived a perfect life so he could pay the price for our sin on the cross.

The Big Question: Who is Jesus?

Jesus is the Living Word who came to earth to reveal God's glory.

ACTIVITIES

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

What is the Nativity?

N—N

Make sign of N

Nativity

Manger—both hands come together with the fingers locking and palms facing up



The scene of Jesus'

Make sign of Jesus

Birth

Arms like rocking a baby

N—N—Nativity

Same as above

God's Son

Arms in air

sent to earth

Form arms into circle around head

★ **Activity:** Decorate the tree

Instructions: Color in the Christmas tree and decorate it with stickers.

★ **Coloring:** Color the lesson picture

★ **Letter/Sound Recognition:** Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes.
With which sound does Prophet begin?

• **Craft:** Nativity

Materials: Card stock paper, scissors, colored pencils or crayons, ribbon, paper hole punch.

Preparation: Run off craft C2 EC on card stock paper. Cut ornaments apart.

Instructions: Cut out the ornament. Color it in, punch a hole at the top and string a loop of ribbon through it.

• **Role Play/Share:** The story of the nativity

★ **Song:** Away in a Manger

Away in a manger,
No crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head

The stars in the sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The poor Baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from on high
And stay by my side,
'Til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask you to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children
In your tender care
And take us to heaven
To live with you there

JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.