Lesson Passage—John 1:1-5, 9-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not ©comprehend it.

That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

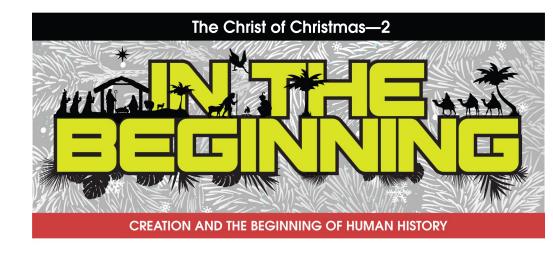
Through God's word we discover what is right and true.

Then we live it out in all we say and do.



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LOWER ELEMENTARY LEVEL 3 HOME JOURNAL



THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

Who is Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

John 1:14

(And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,) and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Level 3—Parent Notes:

- <u>Daily Reading</u>: Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day's rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day's reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day's reading from the **Daily Reading**Questions at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- Lesson Verse: The lesson verse which answers the week's big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- Concluding Lesson: The parent should discuss with the child the Thinking it Through questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- <u>Completion</u>: If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- Way to go, parents! Your faithfulness in teaching your children
 the deed and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors
 God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work!
 Remember Galatians 6:9, And let us not grow weary while doing
 good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Thinking It Through

The important truth I learned this week is:
I can apply that truth by:
My prayer to God is:

Daily Reading Questions

<u>Day 1</u>: What is the nativity? Who was Jesus' mother? Who came to speak to her?

<u>Day 2</u>: What did Gabriel say to Mary? How did Marty respond to what he said?

<u>Day 3</u>: Who was Joseph? Why was he a good man? Why is Jesus called God's Son?

<u>Day 4</u>: What town did God choose as the birthplace of his son? How did Mary and Joseph get there? What happened when they arrived?

<u>Day 5</u>: 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?

<u>Day 6</u>: Why is Jesus the greatest gift of all? Why did he come to earth?

Concluding Lesson

<u>Questions</u>: What happened one night as the shepherds were watching their sheep? Where did they find Jesus? What did the shepherds do when they found the baby? What did the shepherds tell others?

<u>Prayer</u>: Thank God that Jesus never sinned and therefore was a perfect sacrifice for our sins. Thank God that he loves us so much that he sent his Son to die for our sins as the perfect sacrificial lamb. Thank Jesus for all he has done for you and pray that you would live a life that pleases him.

<u>Application</u>: Share with someone what happened when Jesus was born. Make a nativity ornament to hang on your Christmas tree.

<u>Thinking It Through</u>: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

Christmas 2 Who is Jesus?



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

Day 1 Draw a picture of Jesus in the manger.

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!

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<u>Luke 1:26-28</u>: ²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!"

Day 6 Draw a picture of angels surrounding the manger.

To save us from our sin
Jesus came to live on earth,
The prophecy came to pass
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.

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<u>John 3:16-17</u>: ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Day 5 Draw a picture of animals in the stable.

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.

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<u>Luke 2:6-7</u>: 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.

Day 2 Draw a picture of Gabriel speaking to Mary.

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.

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Luke 1:29-31: ²⁹ But when she saw *him,* she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.

Day 3 Draw a picture of Mary and Joseph.

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.

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Matthew 1:18-20:¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

Day 4 Draw a picture of Mary on a donkey.

God had chosen Bethlehem
as the birthplace of his Son,
So 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.

<u>Luke 2:4-5</u>: 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.