

#**04 - The Birth of Jesus** Luke 2:1-20, Matthew 2:1-12

PICTURES NEEDED

- 4-1 Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem
- 4-6 Manger scene with shepherds and Magi

NURSERY CONCEPT

The shepherds and the Wise men worshipped the baby Jesus.

LESSON CONTENT

Explanation: (Show lesson picture) (picture 4-1)

What is this a picture of?

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem where Old Testament prophecy said the savior would be from. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem because Joseph was from the house of King David and he had to register in the town that David was from. There Jesus was born and Mary wrapped him in a sheet and laid him in a manger.

Angels appeared to shepherds who were out in the fields and told them all about Jesus. The shepherds hurried to find Jesus. Magi from far away saw a star in the sky and followed the star to Judah. There they asked where the baby king was born and when they found Jesus, they bowed down and worshipped him. (picture 4-6)

QUESTIONS

Why was Jesus born in Bethlehem? Who came to worship him?

PRAYER

Thank God for sending his Son to earth. Pray that you would learn to worship him like the shepherds and Wise men did.

BIG QUESTION (This is for reference only. The nursery children are not expected to learn it.)

What is the good news for all people?

Jesus our Savior is Christ the Lord.

CONCEPT MOVEMENTS

The shepherds Put out hand like holding a staff and the Wise men Hold hands like carrying a gift worshipped Bow down with hands together the baby Jesus. Rock arms like holding a baby

COLORING

Color in the lesson picture on the class notes.

IDENTIFY

Name the pictures in the boxes on the back of the class worksheet.

LESSON SONG

Away in a manger,

Away in a manger,

No crib for His bed

The little Lord Jesus
Look down from on high
And stay by my side,
Laid down His sweet head

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

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

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

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

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