

The Early Life of Jesus

Day 1: The Birth of Jesus

Note: When you see typing in “CAPS” like this, make sure you are drawing on the sketchboard as you teach

Introduction: Can anyone tell me what Christmas is all about?

Can anyone tell me why we date our calendar 20 __ ?

Answer: We date our calendars 20 __ because God came to earth in a human body 20 __ years ago. And this event was so powerful, it changed all of human history. Therefore, we date our calendars by this date.

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A). We date our calendars **B.C.** and **A.D.** B.C means before Christ. Today, they teach kids B.C.E., but for thousands of years it was always B.C. A.D. is a latin phrase which means “In the year of our Lord.”

B). Tell the story of the **ANGEL** (paint over in black) coming to Joseph to tell the good news in Matthew 1:18-25.

- 1). In the **O.T.** or Old testament it was predicted Christ would come.
- 2). An angel appeared to a man named Joseph that his fiancé Mary, would become pregnant. This pregnancy would not be from him, or another man, but from God. Mary at this time was a **virgin** (explain in your own words what this means).
- 3). When Mary would give **birth**, she was told by angel she would have a son.
- 4). The angel said the baby should be named **JESUS** (paint over in black).
- 5). But this was no ordinary baby, not made by two human parents. This child is a fulfillment of the prediction that God himself would come to us on this earth. His other name will be **IMMANUEL**. Which means **GOD WITH US** (paint over in black).
- 6). Emphasize and go over a few times that Jesus is God with us.

Upper Right Box

- 3). Tell the story of Christmas from Luke 2:1-7
- A). Mary was now pregnant, and nine months later, Mary and Joseph traveled to **BETHLEHEM** just as the Scriptures said they would to have Jesus born.
 - B). Mary and Joseph went to a stable with animals to have Jesus born (draw in the **HEADS** of Mary and Joseph).
 - C). After waiting for thousands of years, finally Jesus the Savior came and **GOD'S PROMISE COMES TRUE** (draw in title).
 - D). God coming to earth not only split history in half, but now we have the beginning of the early life of Jesus or what is called the **N.T.** or the New Testament in the Bible.

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- 4). Tell the story of the shepherds and angels Luke 2:8-15
- A). Outside of the city, shepherds (**DRAW IN HEADS**) were out in the fields and angels appeared announcing the birth of Christ.
 - B). The angels announced that Jesus was born and that He is the...
 - Christ: The King
 - Savior: The One who would rescue us from our sins.
 - Lord: God Himself in flesh.
- Therefore, **JESUS IS GOD.**
- C). UPPER RIGHT HAND BOX. The shepherds were so excited they hurried off and found Mary, Joseph and Jesus in manger in Bethlehem (**DRAW IN HEADS OF SHEPHERDS BY THE MANGER**) (Luke 2:15-20).
 - D). Sometime later a **STAR APPEARED** (draw in the star). It caught the attention of star gazers or astrologers from another country called Magi (by this time, Jesus is becoming a toddler Matthew 2:1-2). They followed the star all way to the country of Israel, and to the home now of Joseph in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:3-9). These men came with gifts and kneeled down and worshipped Jesus (Matthew 2:11-12). Why?

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- 5). Tell the story of the evil Roman emperor Herod who wanted Jesus dead (Matthew 2:1-12).

- 6). Because Herod sent soldiers out to kill any baby boy under the age of two in Bethlehem, God sent an angel again to Mary and Joseph living in Bethlehem and warned them to leave and head out of the country to **EGYPT**, and stay there until Herod died. So Mary and Joseph packed up their belongings, along with Jesus, (**DRAW IN HEADS OF MARY AND JOSEPH**) and headed for Egypt (Matthew 2:13-23).

