Family Worship Experience

READ THE SCRIPTURE

JESUS IS OUR SUBSTITUTE



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Luke 2:1-20 from the Bible.

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TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE

A long time ago, God promised to send a Savior, and that Savior is Jesus. Though Jesus is God, He didn't come to our world to be a regular king or a famous person. He came to be our substitute—to take the punishment for the wrong things we do. The Bible says everyone sins, and the punishment for sin is death, which separates us from God. But God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to take our place.

Jesus's birth in a small town called Bethlehem was part of a journey that would one day lead Him to the cross. Jesus grew up, lived a perfect life, and died in our place. Then He rose again, defeating sin and death, so that everyone who trusts Him can be forgiven and have new life with God forever.

Jesus's birth wasn't just a cute story about a baby in a manger—it was part of God's rescue plan for the whole world. Because of Jesus's love, He became a human, faced the hardships of life, and willingly took the punishment we deserved.

Jesus has always been and always will be God, but He also became a human and was born as a baby to save people from sin. As Jesus grew up, He lived a perfect life and took the punishment for our sins so that if we believe in Him, we will be forgiven and have a right relationship with God.

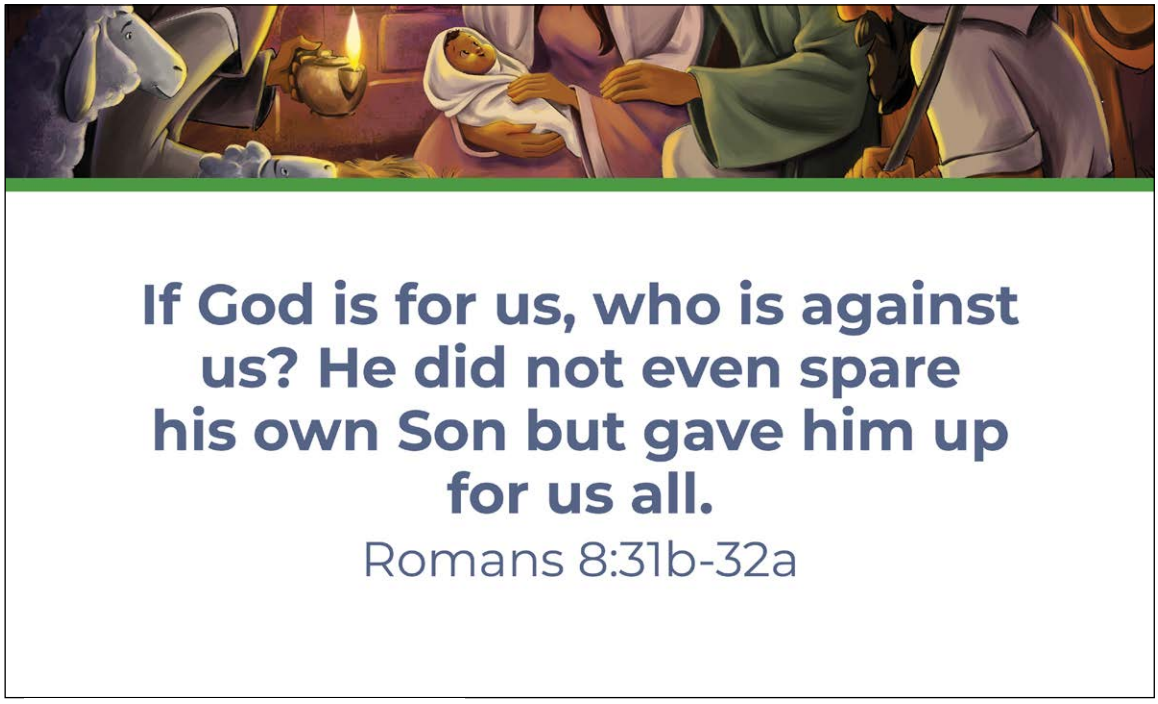
Pray: *God, thank You for sending Jesus to be born and to save us from sin. Help us love Him and remember how much He loves us. Amen.*

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LEARN SCRIPTURE

The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



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SING SCRIPTURE

Finish your family worship experience by playing the Key Passage song to worship and as a further way to memorize Scripture.

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Family Prayer Time

Mornings
Thank God for the miracle of Jesus's birth. Praise Him for keeping His promise and sending Jesus to show us the way we can be made right with Him. Why was Jesus's birth good news for the world? How might Jesus—God coming to be with us—have been different than what the people expected?

Evenings
Ask God to remind you of the joy that came to our world when Jesus was born. Ask Him to fill your heart—especially in difficult times—with reminders of His love for you so you can experience joy in Him. How does knowing God loves you help you feel joy even in hard times?



Family Activities

For Fun
Choose a random time when your family is home to walk throughout the house blowing a pretend trumpet, shouting, or banging on pots and pans. Do your best to startle the family that something is happening. After the family is alert, sit down and discuss the feeling the shepherds might have had when the heavenly host of angels suddenly announced the birth of Jesus. Talk about how that might have been terrifying at first, but then very exciting! Read Luke 2:8-20 aloud for your family. Spend some time thanking God for the hope found in Jesus.

To Serve
Give each family member a piece of paper. On each paper, write: "Ways I see God's Love. Encourage them to choose another family member (make sure each person has a partner) and write two or three ways they see God's love through them. Then, finish the note by telling them to write the greatest way we see God's love is that He sent His Son, Jesus. After everyone finishes, take turns exchanging the notes and reading them aloud. Talk together about how special it is to know that God's love is personal and never-ending, and how Jesus's birth is the ultimate proof of that love.

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