



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS WAS BORN



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-20 from the Bible.



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- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

An exciting trend for expecting parents is to host a gender reveal party. Friends and family gather to watch the parents cut a cake, pop a balloon, or open a box to see what color is inside—pink for a girl or blue for a boy. No matter what color, everyone celebrates the fact that a sweet baby is coming!

When the time had come for God to send His Son into the world, the angel revealed the news to Mary and Joseph that she would give birth to a Son and His name would be Jesus. This was more than just a gender reveal; this was God's own Son coming as the light into a dark world!

When Jesus was born, God sent a host of angels to announce the birth to shepherds. They were the first to hear the good news that Jesus—the Savior—was born. The shepherds rushed to Bethlehem where they found Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus just as the angels told them. The shepherds shared the good news with others, and everyone was amazed! We love to celebrate the arrival of a cute baby, but the shepherds and all of creation celebrated because the Messiah had come!

God kept His promise to send Jesus, the Messiah, to save people from their sins. God will keep His promise to save everyone who trusts in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

***Pray:** God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, into the world. Help us never forget how good this news is for us. Give us the courage to share with others that Jesus is the promised Savior who came to save us from sin and death. 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.



For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



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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.



Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Thank God for sending His only Son into the world to save sinners. Praise Him for the fact that this was always His plan. Think about how great God's love must be to send His Son to live with us and die for us. How should we respond to this love?

Evenings

Praise God for first sharing the good news of Jesus' birth with shepherds. Shepherds may not have been seen as special in their own culture, but God loved them. How does the announcement to shepherds show us God's love? How can this help us see what God thinks of us?



Family Activities

For Fun

If available, look at childhood photos or videos of each family member. Share stories of joy and excitement that came with each child coming into the family. Tell each child how much of a blessing they are to your family. Remind kids that Jesus' birth is good news because Jesus is the promised Savior who came to rescue us from sin and death.

To Serve

Take the whole family shopping for baby clothing or supplies. Gift the items to an expecting mother in your church or to a local pregnancy center. Spend time praying for the families who will receive the gifts. Remind kids of the joy that came to Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds when they heard the good news of Jesus' birth.