

MAKE ROOM

I CAN KNOW GOD THROUGH HIS SON

JESUS IS BORN!

ASK IT: When something exciting happens, who is the first person you want to tell?
At Christmas, we celebrate the best news ever: Jesus was born! God sent His Son into the world so we could know Him and His love. The first people invited to meet Jesus weren't kings or important leaders. They were shepherds watching their sheep!

READ IT: Open your Bibles and read or summarize Luke 2:1–20.



TALK ABOUT IT: Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem to be counted in a census. While they were there, Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Him in cloths and laid Him in a manger—a feeding place for animals—because there was no guest room available for them.
Nearby, shepherds were watching their sheep at night when an angel appeared. They were terrified! But the angel told them not to be afraid. He brought good news that would bring great joy for all people: a Savior had been born! This baby was the Messiah, the Lord. Then a great crowd of angels praised God!

The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, just as the angel had said. After seeing Jesus, they shared the news and returned to their sheep, praising God.
Jesus' birth helps us see God's love and faithfulness. God kept His promise to send a Savior. His Son came into the world as a baby, and the shepherds were welcomed to meet Him. As we learn about Jesus—what He said, what He did, and how He loved people—we discover what God is like. We can know God through His Son!

DO IT: Have a family "Good News Celebration!" Read the angel's announcement in Luke 2:10–11, then let everyone help act out the shepherds' visit to Jesus. Use a doll, a blanket, and a box or basket for the manger.
Afterward, let each person finish this sentence: "Jesus helps me know that God _____." Sing a Christmas song about Jesus and thank God for sending His Son.
Like the shepherds, share the good news! Choose someone your family can encourage with a card, a phone call, or a visit. Tell them why your family celebrates Jesus at Christmas.