Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?
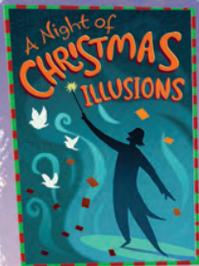
FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What is your favorite thing about Christmas?

- Why do you think the angels appeared to shepherds, instead of important rulers or religious leaders?

- Why is Jesus' birth still celebrated today?

Jesus Was Born
Luke 2:1-20

MAIN POINT: JESUS WAS BORN TO BE GOD'S PROMISED SAVIOR.

During the time Mary was pregnant with Baby Jesus, the Roman emperor announced that everyone needed to be registered for a census. Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.

While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. Mary and Joseph looked for a safe place for Mary to have her baby, but every place was full. So Mary and Joseph found a place where animals were kept, and that is where Mary had her baby. She wrapped Baby Jesus snugly in cloth, and she laid Him in a manger.

In the same region, some shepherds were staying out in the fields and watching their sheep. All of a sudden, an angel of the Lord stood before them. A bright light shone around the shepherds, and they were terrified!

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid! I have very good news for you: Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David."

Then the angel said, "You will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a manger."

The shepherds went straight to Bethlehem to find Baby Jesus. They found Mary and Joseph, and the baby. The shepherds went and told others about the baby Jesus.

The shepherds returned to their fields, praising God because everything had happened just as the angel had said.

Christ Connection: The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He was God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to save people from their sins and to be their King.

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