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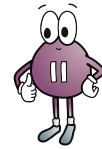
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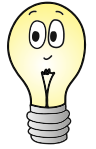
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Bravely asks questions



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LESSON 1: The first Christmas

The impossible!



READ:
Luke 1: 5-20
& 57-66



KEY VERSE:
Luke 1: 37

What was the best Christmas present you ever had? Perhaps it was something you never dreamed you would get. In these lessons we are going to look at the very first Christmas, when Jesus was born. However, before the birth of Jesus, we read about another child who came as a real joy to his parents!

Q: Who was king when this child was born? Tick the correct box.

Caesar

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Pharaoh

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Herod

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James

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In those days, many thought that if a couple could not have children, they must have done something wrong and displeased God. However, look at verses 5 and 6.

Q: Write in YOUR OWN WORDS what kind of people Zechariah and Elizabeth were.

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Q: Answer TRUE or FALSE to the following sentences:

Zechariah and Elizabeth were an old couple.

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Zechariah worked in the palace.

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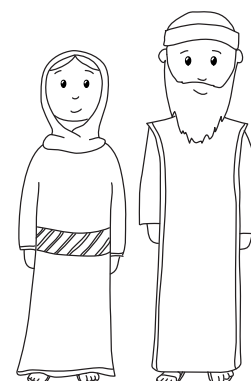
An angel appeared to Zechariah.

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Zechariah and Elizabeth called their son Joseph.

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The neighbours were very sad.

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Q: Circle the correct answer. Zechariah was a ...

King

Pharisee

Fisherman

Priest

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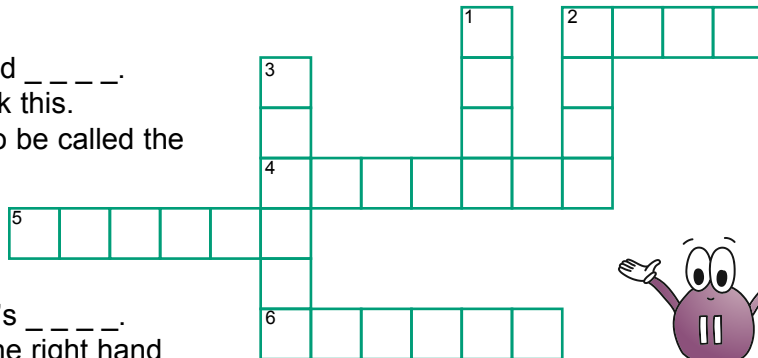
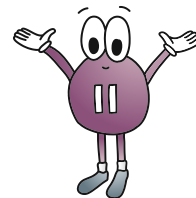
Q: Using words from the Bible Reading, complete this Crossword.

Clues Down

1. The child was to be called _ _ _ _ .
2. The child was not to drink this.
3. The Holy Ghost may also be called the 'Holy _ _ _ _ _'.

Clues Across

2. Elizabeth was Zechariah's _ _ _ _ .
4. The angel appeared at the right hand side of the altar of _ _ _ _ _.
5. The angel told Zechariah that his _ _ _ _ _ had been heard.
6. The place where Zechariah entered and saw the angel.



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Q: In which verse in the second Bible Reading do we read of Zechariah praising God?

Verse:

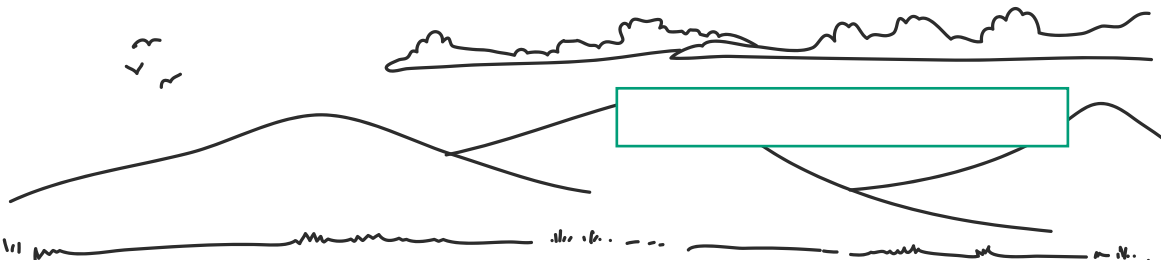
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Q: Write out the Key Verse.

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Q: Throughout which hill country did the news about this child spread?
Write your answer on the hills.



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Zechariah couldn't believe what the angel had said, but it came true! He should not have doubted. Sometimes Christians find it hard to believe what they read in the Bible, but look at the Key Verse and remember - 'Nothing is impossible with God!'

TOTAL:

LESSON 2: The first Christmas

A special task



READ:
Luke 1: 26-38



KEY VERSE:
Luke 1: 38

Have you ever been chosen at school to do something special? Perhaps act in a play or read aloud at a school event. It makes you feel good. Just think how Mary felt when she heard the news that God had chosen her to be the mother of His Son, Jesus!

Q: Circle the month in which the angel was sent by God to Nazareth.

Seventh month

Second month

Sixth month

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Q: Write the answers to the following in the spaces provided and then circle the answers in the **WORD MAZE**. The words are hidden up, down, across and backwards.

1. The area where Mary's city was. (verse 26)

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2. The name of the city. (verse 26)

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3. The name of the young virgin girl. (verse 27)

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4. The man she was going to marry. (verse 27)

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5. The name of the king. (verses 27 and 32)

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6. The message was brought by an

..... (verse 26)

7. The name of the angel. (verse 26)

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Q: Unjumble the letters to discover what the angel said to Mary.

H T E / R O L D / S I / I T W H / U O Y

___ / ___ / ___ / ___ / ___

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Q: Take the first letter of each picture to find out what Mary was to call the child.











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The name Jesus means Saviour.

Q: Jesus has many other titles. Write down two of His titles from the Bible Reading.

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Q: What question did Mary ask when she heard that she was going to have a son?



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Q: Write out THREE facts which the angel passed on to Mary. (verse 35)

1.

2.

3.

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Here we see the miracle of the first Christmas! Jesus was God's Son; His mother was Mary but His Father was God! The angel called Him the "Holy One".

The Bible teaches that if Jesus had been the son of Mary and Joseph, then He would have been a sinner like us and could never have saved us from our sins!



Q: Write down the number of the verse that tells us that nothing is impossible with God.

Verse:

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Q: Write out from the Key Verse what Mary said.

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Mary had been chosen for a very special task. She was to be the mother of God's Son, Jesus! She didn't complain or grumble, although many people would not understand or believe her story.

During the times when God asks Christians to do something for Him, they can remember Mary, and try to obey God without complaining!

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LESSON 3: The first Christmas

In Bethlehem



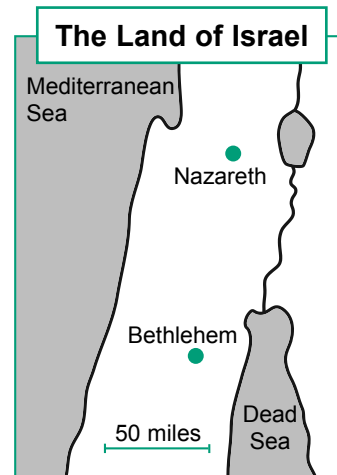
READ:
Luke 2: 1-20



KEY VERSE:
Luke 2: 11

Going on a journey is often fun, but if you are not feeling too well, it can be very hard. Mary was pregnant and the time had come for her to have her baby. She and Joseph had to travel to another town about 70 miles away. Remember there were no trains or cars. The roads were rough and sometimes very dangerous.

Q: Look again at verses 1 to 4 and write **IN YOUR OWN WORDS** why Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem.



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Q: Draw a straight line from each question to the correct answer.

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| Who was governor of Syria? | Nazareth |
| Where did Mary and Joseph live? | the inn |
| Where had King David been born? | Quirinius (Cyrenius) |
| Where was there no room? | Bethlehem |

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Q: What did Mary use as a cradle for her baby?

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Q: In what did Mary wrap her baby?

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Q: Who were in the fields looking after sheep?

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Q: Shade in the correct words that are found in the angel's message.

Good News (Tidings)	Much Love	Wonderful Hope	Great Joy
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Q: Write out the Key Verse.

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Q: Re-arrange the words to discover what the angels said.
Write your answer in the box.

to earth on highest in God and peace. Glory the heaven

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Q: Answer TRUE or FALSE to the following:

The shepherds:

decided to investigate the matter in the morning.

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went to Bethlehem and found the baby lying in a manger.

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told no one their wonderful news.

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Q: Look at the end of the Bible Reading. In the spaces provided write the number of the verse which tells what (a) Mary did and (b) the shepherds did.



(a)
Verse: _____

(b)
Verse: _____

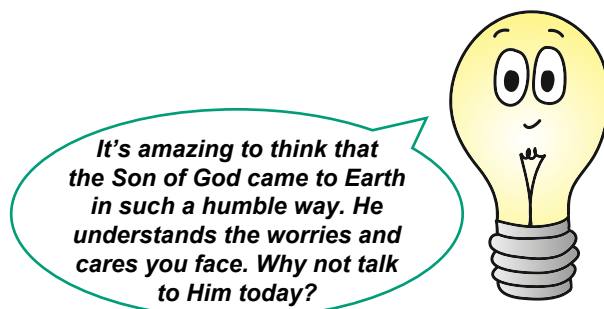


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What is your reaction to what happened at Bethlehem? For Christians it's incredible to think that the Son of God became a helpless baby! The One who created the world, once lay in a manger!

Have you ever wondered why?

If you look up and read John 3: 16, you will find the answer. God so loved us that He gave us a precious gift, His only Son. At Christmas we gladly receive gifts and say, "Thank you". For Christians this is a special time to thank God for His gift to them.



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LESSON 4: The first Christmas

In the Temple



READ:
Luke 2: 22-40



KEY VERSE:
Luke 2: 30

When we receive a present at Christmas, it's appropriate to say "Thank you." Joseph and Mary took Jesus to the Temple to say "Thank You" to God, but there was another surprise waiting for them!

Q: In which city was the Temple? Underline the correct answer.

Bethlehem

Nazareth

Jerusalem

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Q: What was the offering which the Law required? (See verse 24)

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Q: Write down the first letter of each picture to discover the name of the man Mary and Joseph met in the Temple.



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Q: Find out from the Bible Reading what this man was like and then answer TRUE or FALSE to the following sentences:

He lived in Jerusalem.

He was a good man.

The Holy Spirit was upon him.

God had told him he would never see Christ.

The Holy Spirit led him into the Temple.

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Q: Write IN YOUR OWN WORDS what this man did when he saw Jesus.

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This man was one of the few people who understood why God had sent His Son. Even today, 2000 years later, many do not understand why Jesus came.

Q: Write out the Key Verse.

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Q: Circle the two groups of people Simeon mentions when he refers to Jesus as 'A Light'.

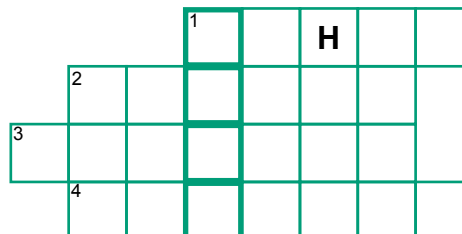
The Galileans The Gentiles/Non Jews The Israelites The Greeks

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Q: Using the Bible Reading (verses 36-38) put the answers to the following about the prophetess, in the Word Ladder.

Across

1. Which tribe was she from?
(Some translations use a different spelling.)
2. Who was her father? (NIV)
3. When she saw Jesus she t _ _ _ _ _ God.
4. She spent much time fasting and _ _ _ _ _.



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Q: Look at the 'ladder' on the above grid. What was the name of the prophetess?

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So, we can see that the birth of Jesus made many people very happy. (In the last lesson the shepherds rejoiced, and in this lesson, it is Simeon and Anna - not forgetting Mary and Joseph!) However, there wasn't going to be happiness for all of Jesus' life.

Q: Which verse tells us that Mary would one day have great sorrow?

Verse:

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Write below what you have learnt from these lessons about the coming of Jesus into the world.

"The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the World."

1 John 4: 14



Do you believe that Jesus came to be the Saviour of the World?

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