

# PRESCHOOL AT HOME FAMILY ACTIVITIES

WEEK OF APRIL 11

## KEY PASSAGE

in the beginning was the Word, and the Word  
was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1



## BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Is Jesus God or a human?

Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

# THE BIBLE STORY

JESUS WAS BORN  
LUKE 2

Mary and Joseph lived in the town of Nazareth. When Mary was pregnant with Baby Jesus, a ruler named Caesar Augustus wanted a list of all the people who were living in the land. He sent out an order: "Everyone must return to his hometown to be counted!" Since Joseph was part of King David's family, he and Mary traveled to Bethlehem, the city of David.

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

That night, some shepherds were watching their sheep out in the fields. All of a sudden, an angel stood before them. A bright light shone around the shepherds, and they were scared!

But the angel said, "Do not be afraid! I have good news for you: Today a Savior, who is the Messiah and the Lord, was born for you in the city of David." Then the angel said, "Go find the baby. He will be wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger."

Suddenly, many angels appeared. They praised God and said, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors!"

When the angels left, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to find Baby Jesus. They found Him, and then they told others about Him. Everyone who heard about Jesus was surprised and amazed. Jesus' mother, Mary, thought about everything that happened and tried to understand it. The shepherds went back to their fields. They praised God because everything had happened just like the angel had said.

### **CHRIST CONNECTION**

: JESUS WAS BORN! THIS WAS VERY GOOD NEWS! JESUS WAS NOT LIKE OTHER BABIES. JESUS IS GOD'S SON. GOD SENT JESUS TO EARTH FROM HEAVEN. JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO RESCUE PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.

## **COUNT ITEMS**

### **SUPPLIES NEEDED: PAPER, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**

Gather several sheets of paper and invite your child to count to discover how many pieces of paper there are. Suggest they count other items in the house. Count plants or clocks. Count books on a shelf or chairs in the dining room. Suggest they count how many people are in your family.

**Say** • When Mary was pregnant with Baby Jesus, the ruler wanted to know how many people were in his kingdom, so he made everyone travel to his hometown to be counted. Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem. Today we heard the real-life true Bible story of what happened while they were in Bethlehem, the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## **MAKE A PLAY DOH SHEEP**

### **SUPPLIES NEEDED: PLAY DOH**

Give your child play doh and invite them to form a sheep. As they work, remind them that the shepherds were taking care of their sheep when an angel appeared to them. If they prefer, allow them to mold other things besides sheep, like bowls, flowers, or other animals.

**Say** • God sent the angels to the shepherds to tell them the good news of Jesus' birth. The shepherds rejoiced and told others about Jesus' birth after they saw him. God wants people all over the world to know that Jesus was born to rescue people from sin. We too can share the good news of Jesus' birth to others.