

Whiz Kids Club Message #11 – Fall 2021 Online

Topic- Point:	The Christmas Story <i>(This is one idea to share the Christmas Story with your Site, feel free to choose how you'd like to share!)</i>
Text:	Parts of Matthew 1:18-24 and Luke 2:4-20

Introduction:

Does anyone know why we celebrate Christmas? Right, because it's Jesus' birthday!

We've been learning about what Jesus was like as a grownup, but today we'll focus on when Jesus came down from heaven and was born on earth, as a baby.

First, we're going to learn some hand motions. Do these every time one of the words is said, as we hear the Christmas story. *(Motions are on the last page)*

Body:

Over 2,000 years ago, **God** sent His Son **Jesus** to be born on earth.

Here's how it happened: An **angel** appeared to a young woman named **Mary** to tell her that she would become pregnant and give birth to **God's** Son. She was to name Him **Jesus**. **Mary** was **afraid** and asked how this could be, but the **angel** said, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of **God** will overshadow you." **Mary** said, "I am the Lord's servant."

The **angel** left her and later appeared in a dream to **Joseph**, who was engaged to **Mary**.

The **angel** told him to not be **afraid** to take **Mary** as his wife, because the baby growing in **Mary** was **God's** Son. This means that **Joseph** agrees to be **Jesus's** stepfather.

Before the birth of **Jesus**, **Mary** and **Joseph** had to travel to **Bethlehem** to be registered. **Mary** rode on a donkey for this long trip, even though it was time for **Jesus** to be born.

Bethlehem had no empty guest rooms for them, so the baby **Jesus** had to be born in a barn and placed on hay in a manger.

On the hills of **Bethlehem**, **shepherds** were watching over their sheep that night. An **angel** appeared and **God's** glory shone around them! The **shepherds** were **terrified!**

The **angel** said, "Don't be **afraid**, I bring good news. Today in **Bethlehem**, a Savior has been born for you!" You will find Him lying in a manger.

Suddenly, a great army of **angels** appeared before the **shepherds**, praising **God** and saying, "Glory to **God** in the highest!"

When the **angels** left, the **shepherds** went down into **Bethlehem** and found **Mary**, **Joseph** and the baby **Jesus**, just as the **angel** had said.

The **shepherds** told them about the **angels**. The **shepherds** then went out and told everyone about what had happened.

Pair Share: What do you think the people of Bethlehem did after they heard the shepherd's good news about this new baby?

Conclusion:
People brought gifts to Jesus. What would be the very best gift we could give Him? God came and showed His great love for us. Can we give the gift of ourselves to Him? Oh, how He would love that!
Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Hand Motions:

God – usual hand sign, hand, with fingers straight, goes up and then down to forehead.

Jesus – both hands, fingers point high and then down to heart (God with us, Emmanuel).

Angel – both arms out as wings, up and down.

Mary – arms holding and rocking a baby.

Joseph – one fist hammering on the other fist (carpenter style).

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