



# Week of October 4

## Bible Study

### Week 4: The Birth of Jesus

*Main Learning Point: God sent Jesus to be the Savior of the World*

*Bible Story: The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-7)*

**Bible Study materials:** Bible, \*Extra Anchored ornament craft kit provided

- **Say:**
  - Over the past several weeks we have talked about how God is the Sovereign Creator, He is the One who Rescues, and He is the One who forgives. He has made a way for us to be in a right relationship with Him!
  - This week we are going to be in the New Testament.
  - This is a story that we hear every year around Christmas time. What story do you think it is? The Birth of Jesus!
  - Let's turn to Luke 2:1-7 in our Bibles.

*\*Read the story from the Bible or log in to view the Bible Story video for Week 4.*

- **Ask:**
  - Did Jesus come by chance? (Look up Galatians 4:4 for your answer)
- **Say:**
  - God had a perfect plan in sending Jesus to be the Savior of the World.
  - Jesus came at just the right time! Jesus was born during Roman rule and the era known as the Pax Romana or Roman peace. There were common roads throughout the known world and a common language, Greek. God arranged roads for the gospel to travel on, peace in the land and a common language so that people could understand the gospel.

- **Ask:**
  - What sent Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem? (This could be a trick question! The Census sent them to Bethlehem, but also God's perfect timing and in order to fulfill prophecy!)
  - Do you know what a prophecy is? (A prophecy is a word from God to a group of people)
- **Say:**
  - Let's look up two of those prophecies about Jesus: Isaiah 7:14 and Micah 5:2.
- **Ask:**
  - How are those prophecies fulfilled through Jesus? (Jesus was born to a virgin, Mary, and in Bethlehem.)
- **Say:**
  - The Old Testament has a lot of prophecies about Jesus in it. Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God spoke about Jesus through the prophets.
  - God had a perfect plan... in His perfect timing... to send Jesus to be born as a baby, to live a perfect life, and to die on the cross for our sins! WOW God!
- **Pray:**
  - God, thank you for sending Jesus to be the Savior of the World.

**MISSIONS MOMENT:**

Log in to view the Missions Video on Romania. Pray for the Roma people – that God would provide for their needs and that they would learn the truth of who Jesus is.



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## Bible Memory

**Bible Skills:** Books of the Law, History, Poetry, Major Prophets

**Bible Memory:** Psalm 54:2

**Bible Passage:** The Birth of Jesus; Luke 2:1-7

**Supplies Needed:** Bible, Jumbo Craft sticks (5), Sharpie, Beat the Clock Activity Page, Button, laminated paper and dry erase marker

### Activity 1: Old Testament Craft Sticks

- If you haven't already finished your OT jumbo craft stick set, grab 5 more and write the five Books of Major Prophets.
- Practice putting The Major Prophets in order.
- Use the craft sticks to play some games:
  - Scramble them up and work on putting them in order. It gets more challenging as we add more divisions!
  - Play seek-n-find with them. Hide the craft sticks and go looking for them to put them in order.
  - Leave one of the sticks out and have your child guess which stick is missing.

### Activity 2: Beat the Clock

- Take the Beat the Clock activity page and read the instructions. Grab a button and start the game. Kids can time themselves or ask a family member to play along and time each other.

### Activity 3: Write and Erase a Word

- Using the laminated paper and dry erase marker, write the words to Psalm 54:2. Make sure to write the reference!
- Practice saying the verse. Each time you say it, erase a word. Continue until your paper is blank and you know the verse. Hint: you can use this for any verse that you need help learning!

### Activity 4: Say It and Find It

- For our Bible passage this week, practice saying the title and reference five times. Say "The Birth of Jesus: Luke 2:1-7, The Birth of Jesus: Luke 2:1-7", etc. Now practice finding it in your Bible. Repeat until you feel like you know it and where to find it.



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## Music & Motion

**Supplies Needed:** Rhythm Sticks, chalk, music for songs, worksheet

**Activity: Can you Keep the Beat?**

- Log in to view the “Can you Keep the Beat?” video.
- Grab your rhythm sticks and follow along to the beat.
- Practice several times keeping the beat.

**Songs: “How Great Our Joy” and “Love the Lord”**

- Log in to view both lyric videos and practice singing along.
- Create a sidewalk chalk design that represents the word “Joy”. Where do we find true and lasting joy?

**Worksheet: God is...**

- Complete the worksheet provided. Play “How Great is Your Name” from Week 3 as the children color the page.
- Have children use the Bible to look up and read the scriptures found on the God Is...Words and Scriptures page. Explain that the scriptures reference each word from the puzzle that describes God and helps us to know who God is.

**October Hymn Memory:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: *Holy, Holy, Holy*      3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: *There Shall Be Showers of Blessing*

Log in to the Anchored website to view the Hymn Memory videos.

# God Is...

Count the number of letters in each green word in the word bank, and write the word in the green row or column with the same number of spaces. Do the same with the purple words. Then fill in the blanks at the bottom of the page with the numbered letters to complete the verse about worshiping God.

- \*ALL-KNOWING
  - \*ALL-POWERFUL
  - CARING
  - CREATOR
  - FAITHFUL
  - FORGIVING
  - HOLY
  - ETERNAL
  - EVERYWHERE
  - JUST
  - LOVING
  - MERCIFUL
  - RIGHTEOUS
  - UNCHANGEABLE
- \*Hyphens do not take up a space.

Our worship becomes deeper when we learn about the attributes of God.

“  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
**THE LORD WITH GLADNESS;**  
 INTO HIS  
 8 2 9 10  
 7 3 10 4 10 11 8 10  
**WITH**  
 4 6 11 12 6 11 12  
 ”

Psalm 100:2 (NRSV)

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# God Is...Words and Scriptures

## **ALL-KNOWING**

"Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure." (Psalm 147:5)

## **ALL-POWERFUL**

"Ah Lord GOD! It is you who made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you." (Jeremiah 32:17)

## **CARING**

"Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

## **CREATOR**

"The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth." (Isaiah 40:28)

## **FAITHFUL**

"God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:9)

## **FORGIVING**

"If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

## **HOLY**

"For I am the LORD your God; sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy." (Leviticus 11:44)

## **ETERNAL**

"But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever; your name endures to all generations." (Psalm 102:12)

## **EVERYWHERE**

"The eyes of the LORD are in every place." (Proverbs 15:3)

## **JUST**

"The LORD is a God of justice." (Isaiah 30:18)

## **LOVING**

"Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." (1 John 4:8)

## **MERCIFUL**

"But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." (Psalm 86:15)

## **RIGHTEOUS**

"Gracious is the LORD, and righteous." (Psalm 116:5)

## **UNCHANGABLE**

"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." (James 1:17)

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Student Score

# How Great Our Joy

For Unison (opt. 2-Part) Voices, Accompanied

with opt. B $\flat$  Clarinet

Words based on a Traditional German Carol

New words by Terry D. Taylor

Based on a Traditional German Carol

New music by Terry D. Taylor

Arranged by Terry D. Taylor

*Joyfully, with a swing* (♩ = 126)

4

Unison *mf*

1. While watch-ing our sheep at night, -  
 2. There lies the Babe in the stall, -

7

news came from an an - gel bright. A Child is born, so  
 this Child who is Lord of all. The gift of God, we'll

10

he did say, — in Beth-le - hem this Christ - mas Day. — } Sing  
 glo - ri - fy, — and let our prais - es fill the sky. — }

13 *opt. divisi*

joy, joy, joy, how great our joy! Praise

16

God on high! — Sing joy, joy, joy, how great our

19

joy! joy! Sing joy, joy,

26

joy, how great our joy! Praise God on high! — Sing joy, joy,

30

joy, how great our joy! How great our joy!