

See Teaching Calendar,  
inside front cover.

## Bible Lesson

# Birth of Jesus

Visuals:  
*First Christmas*  
*Flash-a-Cards*  
CA 2-1 thru 2-6

Week

A

## Preparing to Teach

The first week of each quarter is a **character story** in the Take-Home paper. This story is to be read to the class instead of reviewing the previous lesson. Be sure to practice reading the story aloud with expression before you read it to the children. Briefly mention any character trait or application to their lives.

- **Scripture to read**  
Matthew 1:18–25  
Luke 2:1–7
- **Lesson theme**  
Jesus left His glory in heaven and became a man because He loved us.
- **Lesson application**  
Children will recognize that the most wonderful event in history is when God became Man and dwelt among us.
- **Class memory verse** (new)  
“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” —Luke 2:11

**Note:** Be sure to read pp. 6–9 for teaching songs, memory verses, Bible lessons, and other elements of the class time.

## Preparing Lesson Materials (marked in **bold**)

- for **Arrival**
- Tear out **Activity Book p. 1**. Have it ready at each child’s place.
  - Have **pens** and **colored pencils** in containers.
  - Have **attendance book** ready.

- for **Songs**
- If possible, practice singing with the CD.
    - Angels We Have Heard on High* p. 154, track #1
    - \**Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* p. 164, track #5
    - New *O Little Town of Bethlehem* p. 160, track #14
    - Joy to the World!* p. 155, track #8
    - O Come, All Ye Faithful* p. 159, track #11
    - It Came upon the Midnight Clear* p. 158, track #7

} **Joyful Singing B**  
Songbook and  
Bible Quest CD

- for **Bible Truth**
- Have **Bible Truth questions** ready to use (on inside back cover).

- for **Bible Lesson**
- Study and practice telling with **Flash-a-Cards** several times:  
*Birth of Jesus* (*First Christmas*). (Optional: *Bible Quest Christmas Wk A*, DVD Bible lesson)

- for **Memory Verse**
- Have **Verse Card 1** ready.

- for **Character Story**
- Practice reading aloud  
*The Other Wise Man* in Take-Home paper.

- for **Activity**
- See p. 38 for answer key to **Activity Book pp. 1–2**.

- for **Dismissal**
- Have **Bible Quest** Take-Home paper, Christmas Week A, ready to distribute to children.

\* Visual available; see *Joyful Life* order form.

# Sunday Outline

## Teaching Tips

**Arrival** 10 min —  
Offering • Attendance • Activity Book p. 1  
Collect activity sheets before opening.

To encourage giving, talk about how offering is used.

## Opening

**Welcome / Songs** 2–3 min —  
“Angels We Have Heard on High” p. 154 vv. 1–3 track #1  
“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” p. 164 vv. 1–3 track #5  
*New* “O Little Town of Bethlehem” p. 160 v. 1 (sing 2x) track #14

To introduce a new song, sing it yourself or play CD 2 times, singing along the second time. Have children sing with you or CD a third and fourth time.

**Prayer** “Let’s bow our heads and close our eyes for prayer.”  
2 min (This week teacher prays.)


**Bible Truth** question 1 (*new*). 2 min —

When teaching a new Bible Truth, introduce it quickly, then read question; say answer. Then read question again and have class answer together.

**Songs** 2–3 min  
“Joy to the World!” p. 155 vv. 1–3 track #8  
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” p. 159 vv. 1–2 track #11

## Lesson

For classes that divide after Opening Assembly, start here. Add prayer time and Bible Truth from above.

 **Bible Lesson** *Birth of Jesus* 15–17 min End lesson with prayer.

**Songs** 2–3 min  
“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” p. 158 vv. 1–2 track #7  
“O Little Town of Bethlehem” p. 160 vv. 1–2 (sing 2x) track #14

**Memory Verse** “Today we learn a new Bible verse. Listen as I read it to you.”  
2 min (repeat 4 to 6x)  
Luke 2:11 **“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”** Luke 2:11

Read verse and reference aloud from your Bible. Have class repeat verse with you at least three times, then two times again at the conclusion of class.

**Character Story** Read *The Other Wise Man* (Take-Home paper) 5–7 min

**Activity** Redistribute activity sheets. 8 min  
Activity Book p. 2 7 min  
Bible Truth Review 1 min

**Dismissal** Distribute *Bible Quest* for Christmas Week A. Remind the children to thank the Lord for always keeping His promises.