## Journal Page

What gift would you give to Jesus? Describe or draw a picture of your gift and write why you would give that gift to Him.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What are some things about Jesus' birth that were strange?
- Do you think many people expected the Messiah to be born like this?
- •How do you celebrate Jesus' birth as a family?



Luke 2:1-20

## MAIN POINT: JESUS WAS BORN TO BE GOD'S PROMISED SAVIOR.

During the time Mary was pregnant with Baby Jesus, the Roman emperor announced that everyone needed to be registered for a census. Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.

While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. Mary and Joseph looked for a safe place for Mary to have her baby, but every place was full. So Mary and Joseph found a place where animals were kept, and that is where Mary had her baby, Jesus. She wrapped him snugly in cloth, and she laid him in a feeding trough.

In the same region, some shepherds were staying out in the fields and watching their sheep. All of a sudden, an angel of the Lord stood before them. A bright light shone around the shepherds, and they were terrified!

But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I have very good news for you: Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David." Then the angel said, "You will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a feeding trough."

The shepherds went straight to Bethlehem to find Baby Jesus. They found Mary and Joseph, and the baby. The shepherds went and told others about the baby Jesus. The shepherds returned to their fields, praising God because everything had happened just as the angel had said.

Christ Connection: The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He is God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to save people from sin and to be our King.



Complete the picture of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.

Why was Jesus born? \_



The Bible says that every good gift comes from God—including His Son, Jesus! For each letter, list a good gift from God for which you are thankful.







