

# ★ On This Wise

The Birth of Christ

1st - 3rd Grade  
Lesson 2

Our last lesson was about prophecies before Jesus was born. Today we will learn about His birth.

## **A Miraculous Birth**

Jesus' birth was a miracle. It was different from anyone else's birth. He is God. But He came to earth as a baby. Only God could have a birth like His.

God sent His angel, Gabriel, to tell Mary that she was going to have a special baby. She was going to be the mother of God's Son. The Holy Spirit would make this possible. At first, Mary was afraid. Then she told the Lord she was happy to be His servant:

*And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.*

—Luke 1:38

She went to see her cousin Elisabeth to tell her what the angel had said. But Elisabeth already knew. God had told her. Mary was so happy that she sang a song to the Lord.

## **A Modest Birth**

You were probably born in a nice, clean hospital with doctors and nurses to help take care of you. You had warm blankets wrapped around you. Then your mom and dad took you home. You had a comfortable cradle or crib to sleep in. But Jesus did not. He was born in a stable where the donkeys and sheep stayed at night. There was no cradle for Him to sleep in. Mary wrapped Jesus in some clean pieces of cloth. Then Joseph put some hay in the manger where the animals ate. This made a nice soft bed for Baby Jesus. I wonder what the angels thought as they looked down from Heaven and saw all this.

## **Revealed to Shepherds**

Just outside of Bethlehem, the shepherds were taking care of their sheep. It was a quiet night. There were many beautiful stars twinkling in the clear sky. All of a sudden, an angel of the Lord appeared. The shepherds were afraid. But the angel told them not to be afraid. He had some very good news to tell them. God's Son was born in Bethlehem. He was lying in a manger. Many more angels appeared and sang praises to God.

As soon as the angels went back to Heaven, the shepherds ran into the city to find Jesus. There in the stable, they found Him in the manger just like the angel had said. They were so excited that they told everyone they met that God's Son had finally come.

## **Recognized by Wise Men**

In a far away country, there were some wise men. They had heard that a new king was born, and they wanted to see him. They had to travel a very long way. It took them a long time to get to Bethlehem. God showed them the way by putting a bright star in the sky for them to follow right to the Baby Jesus.

After their long trip, the wise men were very happy to see Jesus. When they saw Him, they bowed down and worshipped Him. Then they gave Him some very expensive gifts. They were gifts fit for a king.

God's people had heard the prophets tell that Jesus would come. But it seemed like it was taking so long. Would He come in their lifetime? Or would He wait even longer? Wouldn't it have been wonderful to have been one of the shepherds and to have heard the angels sing the night Jesus was born? Or would you rather have been one of the wise men that brought his gift to Jesus?

The shepherds and the wise men did what you and I should do. They bowed down and worshipped Jesus. They also told other people about Him. To be a wise person, you must first be saved. Then, instead of gold or perfume or spices, bring Jesus your life. Tell Him you will do whatever He wants you to do. Be like Mary and say, "Be it unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38).

## Teacher's Notes

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