

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Jesus Is Born

from Luke 2:1-20.

Jesus' birth fulfilled prophecy and showed God's unconditional love.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Decree
- Host
- Register
- Haste
- Bethlehem
- Ponder
- Multitude

Of all the children born to Jewish families in Bible times, the firstborn son was especially important. For other references see Luke 2:23; Exodus 13:2; Numbers 3:12-13.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 212-217

Spark Bible pages 1130

Family Prayer

God, through Jesus you show us that your love is for each of us and for everyone. You welcome us wherever we are and however we are. God, help us grow beyond our limitations so we may accept your limitless grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What do you remember about the story of Jesus' birth?
- 2 Why were Joseph and Mary traveling when she was so close to giving birth?
- 3 Joseph and Mary were not with their families when Jesus was born. Angels spread the news. How would the news be spread today? Who would be told?
- 4 What good news would you like to share? How would you like to share it? And with whom? Go ahead and do it!



Eye Spark

Look for babies. When you see them, remember Baby Jesus.



Ear Spark

Listen for laughter, for singing, for sounds of joy. Remember the singing of the angels.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Volunteer to babysit for a few hours. As you care for the baby and/or small children, remember Mary and Joseph in the stable and imagine what it would be like to care for a newborn there.

For younger kids

Have a loved one show you how to swaddle a baby. Practice on your favorite doll or stuffed animal.

For older kids

Ask your parents if you may volunteer in your church nursery some time soon.