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Lesson #1

The Birth of the Savior

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20

Christmas is the season of year we celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a time of joy and excitement, because we are reminded that God gave man the greatest present of all -- the gift of His only begotten Son.

Even though as we read this, it may not be the Christmas season, it is good to keep the joy of the holiday all year long in our hearts. Apart from the month of December, how often do we truly think of the importance of God coming to the earth as a man. If Jesus had not been born, we would not have salvation from our sins. For when God became a man, He set into motion a series of events which eventually led to His death and resurrection. Through Christ's suffering and death He made the way for us to have eternal life in heaven; and to think it all started with a baby in a manger.

Take a few moments today to thank your Heavenly Father for giving us the gift of eternal life through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Although it may not be Christmas, it is good to be reminded that we can have joy in our hearts, because Jesus was born in Bethlehem to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10b

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Read each question and fill in the blanks from the answers in the shaded box.

1. Mary was found with child of the _____.
(Matthew 1:18)
2. The _____ of the Lord appeared to _____
in a dream. (Matthew 1:20)
3. Jesus would save His _____ from their
_____. (Matthew 1:21)
4. In those days a _____ went out from Caesar
that all the _____ should be _____.
(Luke 2:1)
5. Mary wrapped the baby in _____ clothes
and laid Him in a _____. (Luke 2:7)
6. Shepherds were keeping _____ over their
_____ by _____. (Luke 2:8)



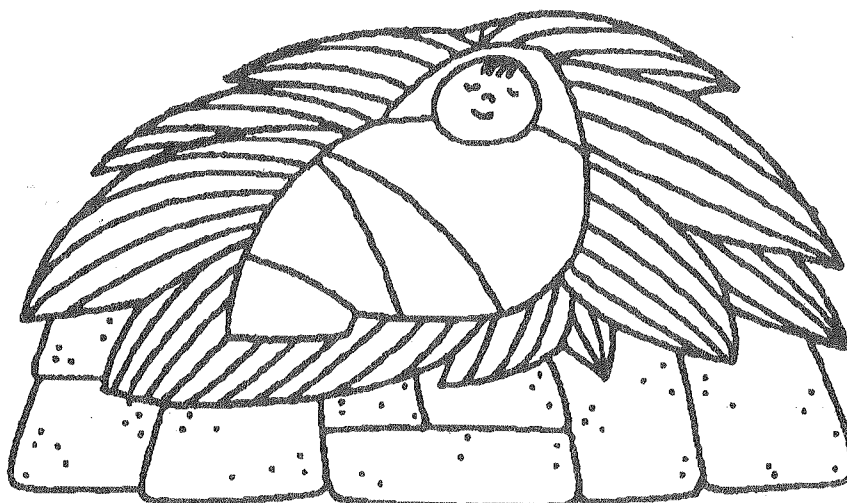
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7. The glory of the _____ shone around the shepherds, and they were sore _____.
(Luke 2:9)
8. The angel said, "Fear not, for I bring you _____ tidings of great _____. (Luke 2:10)
9. Glory to God in the _____, and on earth _____, good will toward men. (Luke 2:14)
10. Mary kept all these things, and _____ them in her _____. (Luke 2:19)

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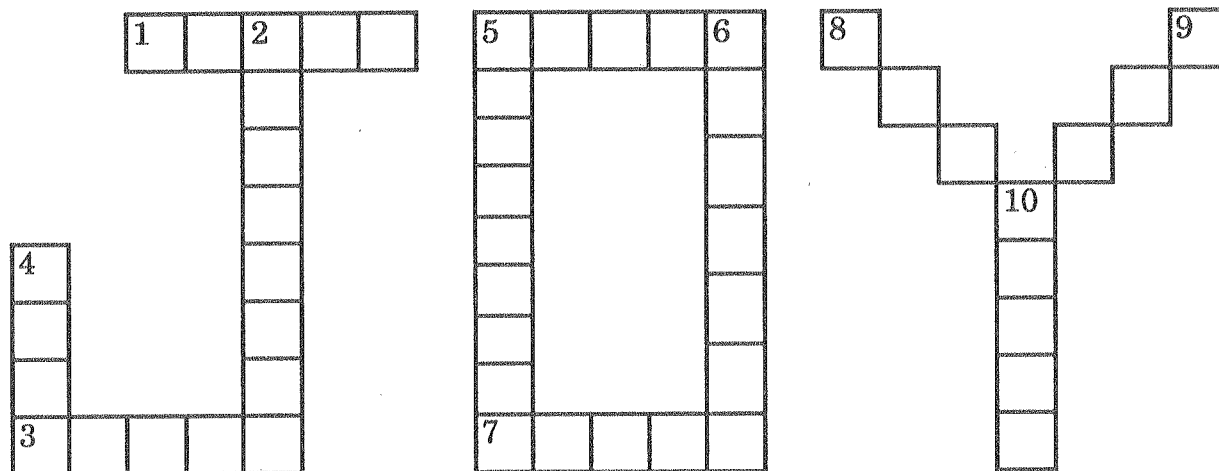
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Joseph
joy
Lord
manger
night
peace

people
pondered
sins
swaddling
taxed
watch
world



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Read Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 2:1-20 to complete the crossword puzzle.



- Across -

1. Joseph was raised from this. (Matt. 1:24)
3. "Ye ___ find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes." (Luke 2:12)
5. "Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring ___ a Son." (Matt. 1:23)
7. When were the shepherds watching their flock? (Luke 2:8)

- Down -

2. Mary and Joseph's Son was to be called this. (Matt. 1:23)
4. "And it came to ___ in those days." (Luke 2:1)
5. "And she brought forth her ___ Son." (Luke 2:7)
6. "Glory to God in the ___." (Luke 2:14)
8. "And, lo, the angel of the ___ came upon them. (Luke 2:9)
9. What kind of tidings did the angel bring the shepherds? (Luke 2:10)
10. In whose city was a Savior born? (Luke 2:11)