

PRAYER

- Thank God for sending Jesus to save you. Ask Him to deepen your relationship with Him.
- Pray that God will show you His glory and cause you to understand the compassion and mercy He has shown you. Pray that it would also make you compassionate towards others.
- Pray for your friends and family to understand the peace and acceptance that God offers them. Pray that they would have a personal relationship with Jesus.

NOTES

REDISCOVERING CHRISTMAS

WEEK 2

Jesus the King for All

WARM-UP

- Do you like it when people announce your arrival at a party or a gathering? Why or why not?
- Have you ever felt out of place in a group? Tell us what happened.
- What makes you feel happier? Giving gifts or receiving gifts? Why?

WORD

¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." **LUKE 2:10,11**

(Read also **LUKE 2:1-18.**)

Luke, a Gentile, lived in a time where no other man was more powerful than the Roman emperor. Both Jews and Gentiles understood that the emperor was to be treated like a god. When the angels announced the birth of Jesus, the arrival of a higher authority was proclaimed. This baby would be the Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and is greater than the emperor. Today, we will look not only at how Christ came into the earth according to the Gospel of Luke, but also why He came.



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1 A King with No Place

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. LUKE 2:7

On the night that Jesus was born, his mother had to lay him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. Though Jesus is Christ the King of all, He arrived as a helpless baby, not yet showing His full glory, authority, and power. Why did Jesus come in this way? How does this reflect on His being King for all?

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2 Angels and Shepherds

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. LUKE 2:8,9

The angel of the Lord appeared not to the powerful and influential people of the land, but to shepherds. Shepherds were not usually first on a king's guest list, yet they were the first to hear of the birth of Christ. Here we see that no one is excluded from coming to Christ. How can knowing this change the way we view and approach God?

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3 Glory of God and Peace on Earth

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" LUKE 2:13,14

The coming of Jesus was announced not only by an angel, but by a *multitude of the heavenly host* giving glory to God and declaring that peace had come to the earth, to men who pleased Him. God wants all men to know Him and experience His peace. How does experiencing God's peace change the way you live and give glory to God?

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APPLICATION

- No one is excluded from coming to Christ. Would you like to experience a relationship with Him? Ask someone to pray with you for this.
- In what area in your life do you need to experience the peace of God? Talk to someone who knows God about this and ask the person to pray for you.
- Do you have a friend or family member who needs to understand the peace that Jesus brings? What can you do this week to share Jesus to this person?