

# Our Savior's Beginning

Welcome to Our Savior's Beginning! This study is set up to be a quick look at Jesus' beginning here on earth. We will learn more about Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, Zechariah, Gabriel, and more. Hopefully, we will also learn to love our Savior, Jesus, more also! So grab your favorite Bible and a pen or pencil and you will be ready.

May the joy of Jesus' birth be with you this Christmas and throughout the new year!

## DECEMBER 1

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*Read Luke 1:26-30*

In Luke 1:30, an angel visited Mary. The angel said, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found \_\_\_\_\_ with God.”

What a great way to begin this Bible study! This is really high praise for Mary! God found favor with her. God was happy with her! If God finds favor in you it means you have **pleased** God or you have made God **happy**. The angel could have said, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have pleased God and made him very happy.”

Let’s read about what we can do to please God. Read Matthew 22:37-39. What two things does Jesus tell you to love?

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Two ways we can make God pleased with us is to love God and to love others. If we do these things, we can find favor with God like Mary did! I think that should make us all feel good inside. If we are feeling good inside we show it by looking happy.

You can show you are happy in many ways. A smile on your face is one way. Another is to use sign language. Try saying “happy” this way. Put both of your hands in front of you with your palms facing your body. Have your hand move in a circular motion- up, forward, down, backwards toward your chest. Continue this motion with both hands moving in the same direction. That means happy in American Sign Language.

*“Dear God, thank you for Mary. Help me to live so that you can find favor in me, too. Help me to make you happy with me today! Amen.”*

## DECEMBER 2

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*Read Luke 1:31-33*

What did Gabriel, the angel, tell Mary would happen to her?

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What name was Mary supposed to give her son?

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Read Luke 1:33b (the end of verse 33) again. How long will Jesus' kingdom last?

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God wants you to be a part of His kingdom. Read John 3:16. God loved the world so much that he sent his son Jesus. You are part of the world so that means that God loves you! If we believe in Jesus we can be a part of the kingdom of God forever.

This makes me excited! It tells me how much love God has for me. God has that same love for you too. God wants everyone to be a part of his family. He created you for that reason. His family is never too big or too crowded. There is always room for more people to believe!

*“Dear God, Thank you that Jesus’ kingdom will last forever! Thank you for the family I have on Earth. Thank you for wanting me to be a part of Your family. Please help me to learn more about You this Christmas. Amen.”*

## DECEMBER 3

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*Read Luke 1:31-36*

In Luke 1:36, the angel told Mary that \_\_\_\_\_ is also going to have a baby.

Babies are a lot of fun and a lot of hard work! What words can you think of to describe a baby. Can you list five?

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OK, I know babies are wonderful and cute and cuddly but sometimes they cry and sometimes they don't smell so sweet! You know what? Babies are a lot of work. They need diaper changes and they need to be fed. They can't survive on their own. Mary had a lot of hard work ahead of her. Whoever raised you went through a lot of hard work for you, too. Why don't you give whomever you live with an extra big hug tonight for taking care of you. They deserve it.

Say this prayer for any babies you know.

*"Dear Jesus, please protect baby \_\_\_\_\_ (name) so he or she can grow up strong and healthy. Help baby \_\_\_\_\_ (name) to love you as he or she grows big. Amen."*

Say this prayer for the people who take care of you.

*"Dear Jesus, thank you for the people who love me and take care of me. Protect them. Help them to teach me more about you each day. Amen."*

## DECEMBER 4

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*Read Luke 1:36-37*

“For \_\_\_\_\_ is impossible with God.” What did Elizabeth think was impossible?

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“Barren” means that Elizabeth was never able to have a child. Now in her old age she is pregnant!

Think of one thing that you think is impossible. Why do you think that it is impossible?

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What does God’s Word say about things being impossible?

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Everything is possible with God. Everything. The next time you encounter something that seems to be impossible, stop and ask God to help you. God is always with you. He doesn’t even sleep. Sometimes we feel silly praying when other people are looking. It doesn’t matter if you pray out loud or if you pray silently. God can hear you. Think of places you can pray today. Places where you can be alone and not worry that anyone is watching you. Did you think of any places yet? Write them down so you don’t forget.

*“Dear God, thank you that you can do anything! Amen.”*

## DECEMBER 5

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*Read Luke 1:38*

Mary said, "I am the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_."

What does it mean to be a servant? It could be a person that performs duties for others. What do you think it means? You can look it up in a dictionary or ask an adult that they think it means.

A servant is someone that...

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How can you be a servant for God?

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Maybe you can be a secret servant today? Maybe you could clean something up without being asked to do it? Is there something you can do to help another person without being asked to do it? Whatever you chose to do, do it with joy!

*"Dear God, thank you that Mary was an obedient servant. Help me to serve you with my life. Amen."*

## DECEMBER 6

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*Read Luke 1:39-41, 56*

Where did Mary go?

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Elizabeth greeted Mary when she arrived. One word to use when you greet another person is “Hello.” Here are other ways to say “hello.”

Spanish- Hola (oh- lah)                      French- Bonjour (bohn-ZHOOR)  
German- Guten Tag (GOOT-en Tahk )      Hebrew- Shalom (Sha-LOHM )

Greet those you see around you at school or even in the grocery store. Just smile and say “Hello.” It is amazing how you can change a person’s day with just one word. Try it.

Now, something amazing happened that I think we should look at closer! Look at verse 41. It says Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and that the baby inside of her leaped! Elizabeth with filled with God’s Spirit. When we believe in Jesus and make him the king of our lives we can be filled with the Holy Spirit also.

Luke 1:56 says that Mary stayed for how many months? \_\_\_\_\_

*“Dear God, thank you for Mary’s trip to Elizabeth’s house. Please help me to always greet other people I meet nicely. Help me to understand you better. Amen.”*

## DECEMBER 7

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*Read Luke 1:57-64*

Elizabeth and Zechariah named their son \_\_\_\_\_.

What name did friends and family think they would give the baby?

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Zechariah was visited by an angel in verse 13 and told to name his son John. Then he was unable to speak because he did **not** believe the words spoken by the angel. Zechariah and his wife could not talk the entire time she was pregnant. But in Luke 1:64 it says he began to speak, praising God. He obeyed God by naming his son John.

God likes it when we obey Him. Here are two ways that can help you learn how to obey.

1. Read the Bible and learn what God has written.
2. Pray. God will listen and He will help us in many ways. We must listen and learn!

*“Dear God, thank you that Elizabeth and Zechariah obeyed you! Help me to obey you, too. Amen.”*



## DECEMBER 8

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*Read Matthew 1:18*

Mary was to be married to \_\_\_\_\_.

Who do you know that is married? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be married someday? Why or why not?

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Describe what you think your future husband or wife will look like and act like.

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If we believe in God and obey his ways, He wants us to marry a man or woman that also believes in God and follows his ways. (2 Corinthians 6:14)

*“Dear God, help me to trust in you as I grow older. Amen.”*

## DECEMBER 9

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*Read Matthew 1:20*

An \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.

Describe or draw what you think an angel would look like. I think an angel would look...

Psalm 91:11 tells us that God sends angels to protect us. Isn't that cool?

*"Dear God, thank you for angels. Please use your angels to protect me. Amen."*

## DECEMBER 10

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*Read Matthew 1:21*

The angel told Joseph to name the child \_\_\_\_\_, because he will save his people from their \_\_\_\_\_.

Can you think of a time that you sinned or did something that wasn't nice? We all sin sometimes. God knows that you and I are not perfect. Romans 3:23 says that "all have sinned." But what we need to remember is that God wants us to say that we are sorry. He wants us to confess our sins both to Him and to the person or people we may have hurt. When we do this God will forgive us! That doesn't mean that we won't have to suffer consequences. But if we ask God, He will help us to do the right thing and do better the next time.

*"Dear God, I am sorry for my sin. Please forgive me for \_\_\_\_\_. Help me to do the right thing that would make you happy. Amen."*

## DECEMBER 11

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*Read Matthew 1:24*

Did Joseph listen and obey God? Yes or No

It makes Jesus happy when we listen and obey God. Let's review.

Unscramble these letters to find out the book you should read if you want to know how to obey God.

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The Bible is filled with adventures! The really cool thing is that they are not made up. Really! Everything in the Bible really happened. Find a Bible and begin reading today! Which is your favorite adventure?

*"Dear God, help me to learn about You in the Bible so that I can listen and obey. Amen."*

## DECEMBER 12

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*Read Luke 2:4-5*

Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem to \_\_\_\_\_.

The government made every man go to the town that he was born in so that they could count how many people lived in the country. The Bible doesn't say how Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem. There were no cars, or trains, or planes in those days! How do you think they traveled to Bethlehem?

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Mary and Joseph traveled about 70 miles! That would take you and me over an hour to drive in a car. If Mary was on a donkey or just walking it would take even longer. Maybe even days. Describe how you think Mary and Joseph may have felt on that trip.

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Do you think you would have enjoyed taking their trip? I am thankful for cars, and trains, and planes, and even good sneakers! Let's thank God for some modern conveniences we have today!

*"Dear God, thank you that you provide us with many ways to travel today! Please keep my family and me safe as we travel this Christmas. Amen."*

## DECEMBER 13

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*Read Luke 2:6-7*

Mary placed Jesus in a \_\_\_\_\_.

A manger is place that holds food for animals. It is often carved in stone.

Do you think this is a good bed for a baby that came to be a king?

Yes or No

Describe and draw the kind of bed you think baby Jesus should have had?

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*“Dear God, thank you for providing for Jesus. Thank you for providing a place for me to sleep tonight. Help me to dream about things that would glorify You! Amen.”*

## DECEMBER 14

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*Read Luke 2:8*

Who lived in the fields?

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What did they do in the fields?

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Would you like to be a shepherd? Yes or No

Do you think it would be an easy job? Why or why not?

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Shepherds did not have an easy job. They had to watch the sheep and keep them safe and well fed. They couldn't stop being shepherds because they were tired or bored. The sheep depended on them. Your parents or caregivers do not have an easy job either. They watch over you and protect you too. Even though you are growing up and getting older you still depend on them for many things. Why don't you say thank you to them today?

*"Dear God, thank you for people that take care of me. Please watch over and bless them. Amen."*

## DECEMBER 15

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*Read Luke 2:9*

How did the shepherds react to the angels?

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Draw what you think their facial expression looked like.

If you were outside in a field watching sheep and an angel came to speak to you, how do you think you would react?

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What would you like to ask or say to an angel?

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*“Dear God, sometimes I am terrified and afraid like the shepherds. Help me to pray and ask You for help the next time I feel this way. Amen.”*



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*Read Luke 2:10-12*

What good news did the angel bring to the shepherds?

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What sign would the shepherds find in the town of David? “You will find a \_\_\_\_\_ wrapped in \_\_\_\_\_ and lying in a \_\_\_\_\_.”

Think of a time you received good news. What was it? How did it make you feel?

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*“Dear God, thank you for good news! Help me to tell other people the good news about You! Amen.”*

## DECEMBER 17

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*Read Luke 2:13*

The Bible says in Luke 2:13 that “a great company of heavenly host appeared with the angel” on that night for the shepherds to see. Can you think of a word to describe what a great company of heavenly host would look like?

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Jesus’ birth was so important that God sent many of his “heavenly host” to praise him! Think of a song that praises or celebrates God and sing it now. Maybe you could even write your own song? Write it below.

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*“Dear God, you are so important to me. I praise you for creating (List things that you are thankful God created.) Amen.”*

## DECEMBER 18

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*Read Luke 2:14*

Write what the angels said.

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\*The CEV Bible says, "Praise God in heaven and peace on Earth to everyone who pleases God."

Interview 2 adults that you know and ask them what they think this verse means.

Adult 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult 2: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think this means?

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*"Dear God, I praise You for bringing baby Jesus to this world so that I can have peace in my heart if I trust in You. Amen."*

## DECEMBER 19

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*Read Luke 2:15-16*

Where did the shepherds go?

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“So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the \_\_\_\_\_,  
who was lying in a manger.”

Why do you think the shepherds hurried?

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Angels came and visited the shepherds and they hurried off to find the  
baby. What an amazing thing!

*“Dear God, thank you that the shepherds couldn’t wait to see your son, Jesus. Help me  
to be excited about getting to know Jesus. Amen.”*

## DECEMBER 20

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*Read Luke 2:17-20*

The shepherds were so excited that Jesus was born that they went and told people about Jesus' birth! Then they glorified and praised God for Jesus!

Are you excited about Jesus' birth? Yes or No

Who can you go to and tell about Jesus today? \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for the person you listed. If you have an opportunity, tell that person about Jesus.

*"Dear God, help me tell other people about you. Help me to tell (person listed above) so that they can believe in You too! Amen."*

## DECEMBER 21

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*Read Matthew 2:1-2*

The \_\_\_\_\_ came from the east to Jerusalem.

The star was over the stable where Jesus was born. The Magi saw the star when Jesus was born and began their journey. They did not worship Jesus in the stable with the shepherds. It took the Magi a couple of years to travel to where they found Jesus.

*“Dear God, please protect me as I travel to (a place you are going). Amen.”*

## DECEMBER 22

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*Read Matthew 2:2-11*

Why did the Magi go to Jerusalem? They wanted to \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesus. Think of worship as making Jesus happy! We should worship Jesus  
or make Him happy every day! Write down one way you can worship  
Jesus today. Now do it!

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*“Dear God, I want to make Jesus happy today! Help me make Him smile. Amen.”*

## DECEMBER 23

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*Read Matthew 2:11*

What three gifts did the Magi bring to Jesus?



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What is the best gift you have ever been given?

\_\_\_\_\_

Who gave it to you? \_\_\_\_\_ Why was it so special?

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\_\_\_\_\_

God wants to give you a special gift! It is eternal life or life in heaven with Him! Will you believe in Jesus and accept His gift? Yes or No

**You don't need to do anything to earn God's gift of salvation! Just believe in Jesus! Isn't that great!**

*"Dear Jesus, I believe in you and I want to live in heaven with you someday. Help me to be more like you. Thank you for this gift! Amen."*

Poem:

God loves me, (point to self) God loves you, (point to others)

God sent Jesus to love you too (hug self),

if you listen and you pray (point to ear and pray)

Heaven will be yours someday! (Raise arms) John 3:16



## DECEMBER 24

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*Read Matthew 2:2,9*

The Magi followed a \_\_\_\_\_ to find baby Jesus. We don't need to follow a star to find Jesus. God has made it much easier for us! We can read the Bible, we can pray, and we can go to church!

If you want to find Jesus today say this prayer.

*"Dear Jesus, help me find you and know you better. Help me learn to love you more. Help me to worship you every day. Thank you for listening to me! Amen."*

## DECEMBER 25

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# Merry Christmas!

Tell one person today about Jesus' birth. Then ask that person to pray this prayer with you.

“Dear Jesus, thank you for coming to Earth to show me how to live a life that would please God. Please come into my heart and guide me. Help me to worship you with my life, just like the Shepherds and Magi worshipped you. Help me to be a humble servant, just like Mary. Help me to obey you even when it seems hard, just like Joseph did. Help me to learn that all things are possible for God, just like Elizabeth did. Help me to be more like you each day. Amen.”

How was your Christmas?

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Draw a picture that shows what you liked best about Christmas.

I hope your Christmas was wonderful and that you had a wonderful day celebrating Jesus' birth. Our Christmas study has come to an end. There is only one more verse to read from the Bible.

*Read John 3:16*

How did God feel about the world?

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What did God give to the world He loved?

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Who will not perish or pass away?

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What will people who believe in Jesus receive in return for believing?

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What is the real reason we celebrate Christmas?

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Write your own prayer to God today.

“Dear God,

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Amen”