



Luke 2; Matthew 2

January 7 - January 13 - Matthew 1; Luke 1

Invite Sharing

What do you remember about Christ's birth.

What are your favorite parts of the story?

Teach the Doctrine

- Click here for the [“Younger Children’s”](#) Program



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Encourage learning at Home



- Invite the children to teach their family something they learned about the birth of Christ.

- Our Closing Prayer will be given by

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Younger program

Jesus was born.

- Jesus left His home with Heavenly Father to be born on earth so He could be our Savior.
- How can we remember the story of Christ's birth?



Jesus was born.

Possible Activities

- Click on the Activity below that you want to go to:
- [Possible Activity 'A'](#)
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I can give good gifts to Jesus.

- The Wise Men gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- How can we use this story to learn that we can give gifts to Jesus too—like love, service, and obedience?

I can give good gifts to Jesus.

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Jesus was once a child like me.

- Learning about the Savior's childhood may help you to relate to Him.
- What can we learn from these verses about how we can be like Jesus now.

Jesus was once a child like me.

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Older program

Ancient prophets foretold of the Savior's birth.

Prophets and believers had been looking forward to the Savior's birth for centuries.

Understanding this truth can help us gain a deeper appreciation for the Savior's life and mission.

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– Possible Activities

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Jesus was once a child like me.

- Like Jesus, you have an important mission to prepare for.
- What can you
- learn from Jesus's example?

Jesus was once a child like me.

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I can follow Jesus's example.

- Even as a young man, Jesus was teaching the elders in the temple.
- Similarly, you have much to teach those around you.

I can follow Jesus's example.

Possible Activities

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Younger Possible 1

Jesus was born.

Possible Activity 'A'

- As we read the story of Christ's birth, let's act out the story ourselves or use this week's activity page.
- See also ["Chapter 5: Jesus Christ Is Born,"](#) *New Testament Stories*, 13–15, or the corresponding video (LDS.org).

Jesus was born.

Possible Activity 'B'

- Here is a Nativity set and let's see if you can set the pieces in appropriate places as I tell you the story of Jesus Christ's birth.
- Here is a picture of the Nativity (see, for example, [this week's outline](#) in *Come, Follow Me—For Individuals and Families*). As I Point to different people in the Nativity, let's share what we know about each person.

Jesus was born.

Possible Activity 'C'

- Let's sing together the your favorite songs about Jesus's birth.
- As we do, let's look for opportunities to bear your testimony of the Savior and you are invited to share why they love Jesus.

Younger Possible 2

I can give good gifts to Jesus.

Possible Activity 'A'

- Let's review the story found in [Matthew 2:1–12](#).
- Here is a picture of [Wise Men Present Gifts](#) (LDS.org).

I can give good gifts to Jesus.

Possible Activity 'B'

- Here are some objects that represent gifts we can give to Jesus.
- Help open the gifts and let's talk about how we give these gifts to the Savior.

I can give good gifts to Jesus.

Possible Activity 'C'

- Let's draw or write a list of gifts we can give Jesus, such as "being a good friend" or "praying."
- Let's share your lists with the class and choose one to work on this week.

Younger Possible 3

Jesus was once a child like me.

Possible Activity 'A'

- Invite one of the youth in the ward to visit the class and share the story of Jesus teaching in the temple when He was a young man.

Jesus was once a child like me.

Possible Activity 'B'

- Ask several children ahead of time to bring pictures of themselves as babies to share.
- Ask them how they have grown.
- Share some of the ways Jesus grew (see [Luke 2:40, 52](#)).
- Sing with the children [“Jesus Once Was a Little Child,”](#) *Children’s Songbook*, 55, or another song about the Savior.

Jesus was once a child like me.

Possible Activity 'C'

- Read [Luke 2:52](#) and explain what “wisdom” and “stature” mean.
- You might ask the children to perform actions that show what it means to increase in wisdom and in favor with God and other people.
- For example, they could act out reading a book or helping someone in need.

Older Possible 1

Ancient prophets foretold of the Savior's birth.

- Possible Activity 'A'

- Let's talk about things you look forward to, such as a birthday or holiday.
- Let's read [Helaman 14:2–5](#) to find something prophets were looking forward to.

Ancient prophets foretold of the Savior's birth.

- Possible Activity 'B'

- Read together some prophecies of the Savior's birth (see [Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 1 Nephi 11:18; Helaman 14:5](#)).
- Help the children list details these prophecies contain and find their fulfillment in [Luke 2:1–21](#) and [Matthew 2:1–2](#).

Ancient prophets foretold of the Savior's birth.

- Possible Activity 'C'

- Invite the children to draw a picture of the Nativity and share why they are grateful Jesus was born.

Older Possible 2

Jesus was once a child like me.

Possible Activity 'A'

- As you read [Luke 2:40, 52](#), tell the children to listen for the things Jesus did.
- Invite the children to share ways in which they have grown since they were little.
- Share your own experience of learning the gospel little by little; then bear your testimony.

Jesus was once a child like me.

Possible Activity 'B'

- Complete activities that illustrate phrases in [Luke 2:40, 52](#).
- For example, you could measure each child's height ("Jesus increased in ... stature") or have them share their favorite scripture ("waxed strong in spirit").
- Help the children make a record of ways they are growing and share it with their families.

Jesus was once a child like me.

Possible Activity 'C'

- After reviewing [Luke 2:40, 52](#), invite the children to share what they think Jesus would have been like when He was their age.
- How would He have treated His mother?
- His brothers and sisters?

Older Possible 3

I can follow Jesus's example.

Possible Activity 'A'

- Invite a child to come prepared to summarize the story in [Luke 2:41–52](#).
- To help the children understand the story, teach what the “Father’s business” means.
- For example, you could tell the children what you or your parents do for a job.

I can follow Jesus's example.

Possible Activity 'A'

- What was the job or “business” of Joseph, Jesus’s earthly father? (see [Matthew 13:55](#)).
- What was the business of His Heavenly Father? (see [Luke 2:46–49](#); see also [Moses 1:39](#)).

I can follow Jesus's example.

Possible Activity 'B'

- With the children, read [Luke 2:46–49](#) and ask, “How was Jesus doing His ‘Father’s business’?”
- Help the children list or draw on the board ways they can help do Heavenly Father’s business too.

I can follow Jesus's example.

Possible Activity 'C'

- To help the children build their confidence that they, like the boy Jesus, can teach the gospel, help them practice teaching each other a principle from *For the Strength of Youth*.

Resources





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Jesus Once Was a Little Child

- *Sweetly*
- 1.— Jesus once was a little child,
- A little child like me;
- And he was pure and meek and mild,
- As a little child should be.
- *So, little children,*
- *Let's you and I*
- *Try to be like him,*
- *Try, try, try.*



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Jesus Once Was a Little Child

- 2.He played as little children play
- The pleasant games of youth;
- But he never got vexed if the game went wrong,
- And he always spoke the truth.
- *So, little children,*
- *Let's you and I*
- *Try to be like him,*
- *Try, try, try.*

• *Words:* James R. Murray, 1841–1905

• *Music:* Joseph Ballantyne, 1868–1944



Referenced Scriptures

Matthew 2:1-12

- 1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
- 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
- 3 When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matthew 2:1-12

- 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.
- 5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet,
- 6 And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Matthew 2:1-12

- 7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.
- 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

Matthew 2:1-12

- 9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.
- 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

Matthew 2:1-12

- 11 ¶ And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.
- 12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Luke 2:40

- **40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.**

Luke 2:52

- **52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.**

Helaman 14:2-5

- **2 And behold, he said unto them: Behold, I give unto you a sign; for five years more cometh, and behold, then cometh the Son of God to redeem all those who shall believe on his name.**
- **3 And behold, this will I give unto you for a sign at the time of his coming; for behold, there shall be great lights in heaven, insomuch that in the night before he cometh there shall be no darkness, insomuch that it shall appear unto man as if it was day.**

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Helaman 14:2-5

- **4 Therefore, there shall be one day and a night and a day, as if it were one day and there were no night; and this shall be unto you for a sign; for ye shall know of the rising of the sun and also of its setting; therefore they shall know of a surety that there shall be two days and a night; nevertheless the night shall not be darkened; and it shall be the night before he is born.**

Helaman 14:5

- **5 And behold, there shall a new star arise, such an one as ye never have beheld; and this also shall be a sign unto you.**

Isaiah 7:14

- **14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**

Isaiah 9:6

- **6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**

1 Nephi 11:18

- **18 And he said unto me: Behold, the virgin whom thou seest is the mother of the Son of God, after the manner of the flesh.**

Matthew 2:1-2

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Luke 2: 41-52

- **41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.**
- **42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.**
- **43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not *of it*.**

Luke 2: 41-52

- **44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and acquaintance.**
- **45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.**
- **46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.**

Luke 2: 41-52

- **47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.**
- **48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.**
- **49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wistye not that I must be about my Father's business?**

Luke 2: 41-52

- **50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.**
- **51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.**
- **52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.**

Matthew 13:55

- **55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?**

Luke 2:46-49

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Moses 1:39

- **39 For behold, this is my work and my glory—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.**

Luke 2:1-21

- **1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.**
- **2 (*And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.*)**
- **3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.**

Luke 2:1-21

- **4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)**
- **5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.**
- **6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.**

Luke 2:1-21

- **7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.**
- **8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.**
- **9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.**

Luke 2:1-21

- **10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.**
- **11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.**
- **12 And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.**

Luke 2:1-21

- **13 And 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, good will toward men.**
- **15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.**

Luke 2:1-21

- **16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.**
- **17 And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.**
- **18 And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.**

Luke 2:1-21

- **19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart.**
- **20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.**
- **21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.**

Luke 2:46-49

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