

WEEK 3: CELEBRATE JESUS!

Jesus is Born

She gave birth to her firstborn son. – Luke 2:7a

Read: Luke 2:1-7

What is it about the birth of a baby that often brings so much anticipation and excitement? Showers are given, predictions are made about when it will happen, how big the baby is, and how long labor will be. We wait for the phone call that will tell us “They’re on their way to the hospital!” and “The baby’s here!” We celebrate the joy and love that surround the entry of a new life into this world.

When those new little lives come into the world, we have no idea what they will become. Each little newborn represents endless potential and unknown possibilities. We dream about what they will be and what their lives will mean.

But when our Savior was born, his future to fulfill God’s promise had been declared. Mary and Joseph had both already been told by God’s angels to name the baby Jesus, which literally means “The Lord saves.” If ever there was a birth to be celebrated, this was it. God was about to accomplish his plan of salvation and it would affect the world in ways that no one had ever dreamed.

It happened in a tiny, dirty little stable, as if God chose the most ordinary circumstances to announce the most incredible birth of all time. It is not always easy to find reasons to celebrate in the ordinary. But the Christmas season is the perfect time to remember the extraordinary – the baby who was born to save us and give us new life. This was not just any baby. The Savior was here! And the world would never be the same. That is a reason to celebrate both on Christmas and any other ordinary day!

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What is your favorite birth story? It might revolve around the birth of your own child, stories you heard about your own birth, or the birth of a sibling. What emotions does this story stir up in you?
2. What part of Jesus’ birth story means the most to you? What detail tugs at your heart?
3. What are some ways you can remember to focus on those meaningful details of Jesus’ birth this Christmas? How can you remind your kids of the importance of Jesus’ birth this Christmas?