

## Family Lesson 49

**Principle:** Jesus is God and man. Jesus had a supernatural birth. We should worship him.

**Bible Character(s):** Jesus

**Scripture Reference:** Luke 2:1-20, Matthew 1:18-25

- 1. Worship** - Gather your family and play the [worship video](#) found on the curriculum resource page. Have fun, sing loudly, and follow along with the motions!
- 2. Skit Video** - Watch the [skit video](#) with your family to hear a special message about what you will be learning this weekend.
- 3. Bible Lesson** - Read through the lesson with your family. The bold font is meant to be read aloud along with the Scripture references.

### Bible Lesson

Last week, we finished our study of the Old Testament. Last week, we began our study of the New Testament. We studied about Jesus and how he has always existed. We also learned about how God used John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus' coming.

Today, we are going to read about the actual birth of Jesus. Jesus has always existed, yet he came to the earth as a baby to live as we do. He was still God when he was born, but he was also a person, just like we are people. Jesus' birth is pretty amazing because he was born as a baby, but he was still God.

### Ordinary/Extraordinary Tie In

The purpose is to define ordinary and extraordinary.

#### Supplies:

[Ordinary/Extraordinary sign](#)

Rocks (gather a handful from outside)

Gem/faux diamond (use a craft gem or piece of jewelry)

[Passage printout poster](#)

What does ordinary mean? (Allow time for answers.) Ordinary means usual and common—not remarkable or special in any way. What does extraordinary mean? (Allow time for answers.) It means of great value, remarkable, or exceptional; something amazing and great. Place all the rocks on the table, then place the gem in the middle of the rocks.

### Tie It Together

**All of these rocks are very ordinary. You would see these rocks anywhere. They are common. They are not very special. The gem is extraordinary. It is not common. You would not see it lying around outside. It is very special. In the same way, Jesus' birth was extraordinary even though God brought his Son into the world in an ordinary way. He used very ordinary things to do something extraordinary.**

Let's begin reading the Bible in Luke and see what events are ordinary and what are extraordinary. (Share the passage printout so your child can see it as you read aloud. Ask your child to help you as you read the passages. Give them the "extraordinary"/"ordinary" sign.) **As we read through this scripture, \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) will hold up the sign for each event—the "ordinary" side for everyday, ordinary events and the "extraordinary" side for super-special, extraordinary events. We will make lists of the ordinary and extraordinary events on the whiteboard. We will first review a passage that we read last week that foretold Jesus' birth.**

Parents, the scripture below is **bold for ordinary events** and underlined for extraordinary events.

#### **Luke 1:30-33, 38**

<sup>30</sup> "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!" <sup>31</sup> **You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.** <sup>32</sup> He will be very great

and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

<sup>38</sup> *Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.*

**Can you pick out the ordinary and extraordinary events in this passage?** (Allow responses.) **Here we see that an ordinary event was Mary becoming pregnant with a baby. The extraordinary event was that her son was to be called the Son of the Most High—he would be King and reign forever.**

**Let's read the Bible now from Matthew 1.** (Flip the passage printout poster to the other side so your child can see it as you read aloud.)

### Matthew 1:20-24

<sup>20</sup> ...an angel of the Lord appeared to him [Joseph] in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

<sup>22</sup> *All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:*

<sup>23</sup> *"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

<sup>24</sup> *When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife.*

**What do you notice in this passage?** (Allow responses.) **We see the extraordinary event that an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. God sent the angel to tell Joseph about his son. The baby inside Mary was put there by God. The angel also told Joseph that his son would save people from their sins, another extraordinary event.**

**Now we are going to read from Luke again, in chapter 2, about when Jesus was born. At that time, the Roman Emperor Augustus declared that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. A census is an official count of the number of people in the land. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem because of the census.** (Share the next passage printout so your child can see it as you read aloud.)

### Luke 2:6-7

<sup>6</sup> *And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. <sup>7</sup> **She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.***

**What ordinary or extraordinary events can you see in this passage?** (Allow responses.) **There is an ordinary event: Mary gave birth to her baby, wrapped him in cloth, and laid him in a manger. Let's take a closer look at the arrival of Jesus.**

### Ordinary Arrival of an Extraordinary King

The purpose is to see how Jesus' life began humbly.

#### Supplies:

[Set of pictures](#) (robe, scepter, throne, trumpets, burlap, cave, manger)

Place the pictures on the table. Ask your child to pick up any items representing a king off the table.

### Tie It Together

**We have studied many kings in the Old Testament. Do you remember King Solomon? He had a lot of money and many of the things we pulled off the table. Normally, a king would be born into riches and royalty, with an extravagant room and crib. Jesus was born and laid in a manger. He did not even have a crib to sleep in. Jesus was not an ordinary king. He did not have the things that ordinary kings had. The picture of the cave represents where Jesus was born. The burlap represents what they might have used as a blanket. The picture of the manger**

represents where Jesus slept. Jesus came into the world in a very ordinary way, but he is an extraordinary King. He is God, yet he was willing to come into the world as a common man so that he could live as we do. He did this because of his love for us. How can you respond to the fact that Jesus came to earth to live as we do but is also an extraordinary King because he is God? (Allow responses.)

Let's continue reading the Bible in Luke to see how the angels and shepherds responded to Jesus' birth. The angels appeared to the shepherds to tell them of Jesus' birth and where to find the Savior.

### **Luke 2:13-20**

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in highest heaven,  
and peace on earth to those with whom  
God is pleased.”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

<sup>16</sup> They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.

<sup>18</sup> All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, <sup>19</sup> but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

That is pretty amazing! The angels were singing and praising God for Jesus' birth! An angel appeared to the shepherds to tell them of Jesus' birth, and then they saw the angels celebrating. They immediately went to Bethlehem. They saw baby Jesus, and their response was to tell everyone about him, and glorify and praise God for what they had seen.

### **Tie It Together**

Each year, we set aside a special day to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to worship him because of what he has done for us. This day is Christmas. Jesus came to earth as a baby, to live as a person just like us, yet he never sinned. He came to save the world because he loves all of us so much. When we hear the story of Jesus' birth, we can see how extraordinary Jesus is! What a great reason to worship God! We should not only worship him on Christmas, but every day of the year because he deserves all of the praise and glory. We can remember this story and how extraordinary Jesus is every day.

### **Prayer**

Spend a few minutes in prayer to close the lesson. Thank God for sending his Son, Jesus. Praise him for this extraordinary gift, and ask God to help us worship him everyday.

