

Lesson Preparation

Jesus' Birth and Childhood

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 2:40

★ MATERIALS

Day 1:

- BLM 2A Jesus' Birth
- Time Line

Day 2:

- DM-6 Map: Israel

Day 3:

- Box, string (*Extension*)

Day 4:

- BLM 2B Role-Play Cards
- PP-2 Jesus' Childhood (*Extension*)
- BLM 2C Growth Triangles (*Extension*)

Day 5:

- BLMs 2D–E Lesson 2 Test
- PP-2 Jesus' Childhood (*Extension*)

Expected Student Outcomes

KNOW

Jesus is born, fully God and fully man. He grows in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and people.

DO

Students will:

- identify the principal characters and their roles relating to the birth of Jesus
- sequence the events associated with the time Jesus talked with teachers of the Law when He was 12
- choose words that show characteristics of wisdom
- identify ways they can grow spiritually, socially, intellectually, and physically

APPLY

Students will recognize the value of spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical growth.

Teacher Resources

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Student Resources

McCloud, Carol. *Growing Up with a Bucket Full of Happiness*. Ferne Press, 2011.

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Lesson Outline

- I. Jesus' birth (Heb 4:15, Lk 1:39–79)
 - A. Praise at His coming
 - B. Events of His birth
- II. Jesus in the temple (Lk 2:41–52)
 - A. Presented in the temple
 - B. Questioned temple leaders
- III. Jesus' intellectual and physical growth (Lk 2:52)
 - A. Wisdom (Ps 51:6)
 - B. Stature
- IV. Jesus' growth in relationships (Lk 2:52)
 - A. Relationship with God
 - B. Relationship with people

♥ TEACHER'S HEART

Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and people (Luke 2:52). Christian school teachers probably agree that every child needs to grow in these areas. It should be a goal to train students in such a way that they constantly grow and mature in the academic and biblical content taught, in their physical bodies, in their social circles, and—most important—in their relationship with God. Seeing growth throughout the school year should be an expected outcome.

As a busy teacher at the beginning of the school year, you may find it tempting to spend nearly every waking hour thinking about your teaching, planning for it, and making preparations for your students. Most of the time, this all-encompassing focus is unintentional; you probably come to the end of the day and realize you have no time left for yourself, your family, or even the Lord. Remind yourself that, as you hope to see growth in your students, God desires growth in you. He wants you to grow and mature in every area (Ephesians 4:14–15).

Take a moment to evaluate your growth in the four areas mentioned above. Are you making time to care for your physical body, the temple of the Holy Spirit? Do you make an effort to learn things you want to learn just for the sake of learning? Do you take time to have fun with family and friends? Most of all, are you making time for God daily? Since you minister from the overflow of all that God gives you, realize that all effort expended in these areas adds to your teaching instead of detracting from it. Encourage your students to join you on an adventure to grow in every area possible this year!

GLOSSARY WORDS

- revelation
- divine

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