



Week 4: Baby Jesus

Introduction

Christmas is a time for gift giving, isn't it? How many days are left until we'll be opening gifts?

We've been talking about miracles. Can you tell me what a miracle is? Yes, a miracle is something only God can do.

Getting to the Heart

(Read Luke 2:6–7 from your Bible.) The Miracle in the manger is Jesus!

Jesus is the greatest Christmas Miracle of all. Remember what we've learned about the miracle of God's love? Only God could love us enough to want to save us from our sins and death by sending Jesus to be born in a lowly stable. The miracle of God's love caused him to promise the Savior long, long, long ago, when Adam and Eve first disobeyed in the Garden of Eden. God's love for sinners was indeed a miracle—something only God could do!

We've also learned that Mary became the mother of Jesus. That was another miracle—something only God can do! Jesus humbled himself to grow inside Mary's womb. Mary's baby would grow up and face the same kind of troubles we face. But Jesus would not sin—not even one time! That's a miracle for sure!

Joseph is part of the Christmas miracle, too. An angel told Joseph in a dream about God's Christmas Miracle, Mary's baby—Jesus. God kept Joseph and Mary safe as they traveled the long road to Bethlehem. God helped Joseph find a safe place where Jesus could be born—the stable in Bethlehem. Jesus was born in that stable! The Bible tells us that when Jesus was born, Mary laid him in a manger. Jesus is the Christmas Miracle in the manger.

Only God could fix the problem of our sin. God did that by sending Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus grew up and died for us on the cross. Then another great miracle happened! Jesus rose from the dead. It's a miracle—it's something only God could do.

Now we can know for sure all our sins are forgiven. We can know for sure that Jesus loves us and will always love us. We can know for sure that we will live in heaven some day with our Savior, Jesus. We know for sure God wants us to share the Miracle in the manger with everyone around us!

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Taking It Home

Let's thank Jesus for his love. I'll start the prayer, then you pray the words after me:

**Dear Jesus,
you must really love us a lot!
Thank you for all of the Christmas miracles,
but most of all
thanks for loving us enough
to become our Savior.
Help us share
the good news of Christmas
with other people.
Amen.**

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