

Mary and Joseph Travel

Lesson 50

Luke 2:1-20

Memory Verse

**Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11**

Introduction

For the past few weeks, we have been talking about Mary and Joseph. An angel told both of them the good news about Jesus' birth. The ruler of the kingdom made a law that everyone must be counted. Each person had to go to his home town to be counted. So, Joseph and Mary packed up and traveled to a small town called Bethlehem, because that was the hometown of Joseph. It was a very long and tiring trip because Mary was pregnant.

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Ask: What happened when they got to Bethlehem?

When they arrived in Bethlehem, there were no more motel rooms available, so they stayed in a stable with the animals. In the same way, many people do not have room in their hearts for God. But God send His only son to the world so that we could know Him.

Ask: What else happened?

Mary gave birth to Jesus. She wrapped Him in cloth and put Him in the feed box where the animals ate their food.

Luke 2:8-11

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Discussion

Ask: To whom did the angel of the Lord appear?

An angel of the Lord appeared to shepherds who were out in the fields with their sheep.

Ask: What was the reaction of the shepherds?

They were terrified.

Ask: What did the angel say to them?

The angel told them not to be afraid and explained the great news about Jesus birth.

Luke 2:12

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Ask: What sign did the angel give them?

They would find the child lying in a manger and wrapped in cloths.

Luke 2:13-14

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Ask: What happened next?

Suddenly a large group of angels appeared and sang songs to God for His gift of Jesus.

Luke 2:15-16

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Ask: What did the shepherds do?

The shepherds were so amazed that they went to see Jesus.

God wants us to know Him. That is the reason He sent His Son, Jesus.

Ask: What did the shepherds find?

They found Him just as the angels said. What a wonderful day!

Luke 2:17-18

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Ask: What did the shepherds do?

They spread the joyful news to others about Jesus' birth.

God wants us to give testimony to what we have seen and heard.

Application

Luke 2:20

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Ask: What did the shepherds do?

After that, the shepherds went back to their sheep. They praised God for all the things they had heard and seen.

When we accept Christ we have moments filled with great emotion which may be rare and strange to us. After that we return to daily life. It is in our daily living that God wants us to continue sharing what we have seen and heard.

Ask: Who were the first men to announce the Good News?

The shepherds were the first men to tell others the Good News of Jesus' birth in the world. The message started with the shepherd.

God did a special miracle that day. He sent His only son Jesus into the world because He loved us. God gave us the best gift ever...the gift of Jesus. He is the only way we can be with God in Heaven.

Ask: What can we learn from this lesson?

God wants us to make room for Him.

God wants us to recognize Jesus was born.

God wants us to know Him.

God wants us to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.

Ask: Would you like to invite Jesus to be a part of your life?

God wants to change our lives and our hearts. God wants us to know Him and to know His love. God does not force us to follow Him. God waits for us to invite Him to be a part of our lives.

Romans 10:9-10

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:9-10 tell us that we need to do two things. First, we have to confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. Second, we have to believe in our heart that God has raised him from the dead. Then we will be saved and have new life.