

# LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke 2:1-20



## KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

**INCARNATION**

**BETHLEHEM**

**MESSIAH**

*Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!*

## PRAYER TIME

Try praying with open hands lifted up. Pray together:

**Glory to you, God. For the ways you provide for us every day, we thank you. For peace to rule in the world and in our hearts, we pray to you. For the gift of Jesus long ago, with us now, and who will come again, we praise you. Glory to you, God. In Jesus' name. Amen**

## TALK TIME

- Have each member of the family tell the story of his or her own birth (parents may have to help). How was it a time of joy? Were there any fears during that time? What was going on in the world that year?
- Talk about how your family celebrates Christmas, both at church and at home. What are your favorite memories or experiences? If you have a nativity scene or other meaningful decorations, get them out and share what is special about them. How do these celebrations honor Jesus' birth?
- Offer compliments to each other, naming the ways you find joy in your family's everyday life. Try beginning each compliment with "I see Christ in you when you..."
- Talk about your family's custom of gift giving. In addition to what you already do, consider alternate giving: contribute to a ministry, outreach, or hunger program in honor of your family.



## WEB TIME

Learn about Lutherans in and around Bethlehem by searching for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. How are Lutheran Christians making a valiant witness in the place of Jesus' birth that desperately needs peace?

## RITUAL TIME

Read aloud the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20. At another time, take turns telling the story in your own words. Each time, close by praying: **Mighty God, continue to shine the light of your presence in all we say and do. To you be given glory and praise, for you are the giver of peace. Amen**