The Early Life of the

PROMISED MESSIAH



Grades 1-3Brantford Little Disciples and JR CYC Gathering 2025

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BRANTFORD JUNIOR CYC & LITTLE DISCIPLES GATHERING

LOCATION: ANCASTER FAIRGROUNDS

Dear Parent & Student,

This year our study is on The Early Life of the Promised Messiah! Please note each WORKBOOK is assigned by grade. Enjoy the study and work on the booklet as much as possible prior to arrival! The books will be marked according to each child's ability, some sections may be labeled for higher grade levels only, do what is appropriate for your child's ability. Bonus points will be awarded for finishing the EXTRA CREDIT activity for the appropriate grade level. We will also be learning a MEMORY **VERSE** for camp, as well as some **SONGS**.

Visit our website www.brantfordjuniorcyc.com to hopefully find everything you need, or email us at admin@brantfordjuniorcyc.com if you have any questions!

Registration cost:

\$30/person, \$90 family, \$20 /teen helper. If the cost is at all prohibitive, please pay what you are able to or consider there to be no requirement for payment. There will also be a freewill offering during the gathering to help the cost of the gathering.

Please Note: ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Please register by January 1, 2025.

You can find the workbooks online and place them in the appropriately colored duotang for each grade.

Grades 1-3: Yellow Grades 4-7: Blue Pre-K-JK-SK: Red

Don't forget to bring your Bible and workbook to the gathering! Please also remember to bring snowsuits, mitts, hats, snow boots, and warm clothing to enjoy the outdoors! Weather permitting, there may be huge snow piles that allow for some degree of sledding and digging...We will have to see.

Be sure to read and follow the Basic Rules below!

Look forward to seeing you at Camp, or sooner if our Lord returns before then!

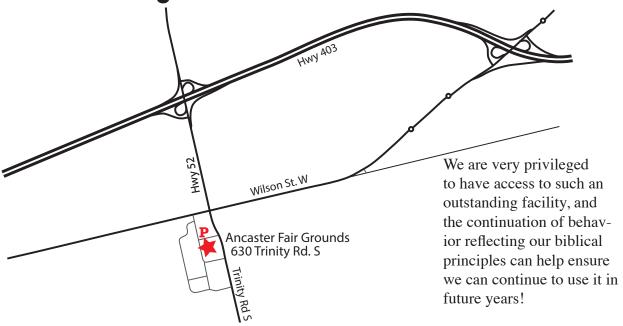
BASIC RULES:

- 1. LISTEN & OBEY! Be mindful and respectful to your teacher(s) and follow their instructions. Pay attention to all adults supervising both indoor and outdoor activities.
- BE SAFETY CONSCIOUS! Stay within the limits of our activities while in outdoor play. Volunteer safety monitors will be at each activity (in yellow vests).
- Parents are RESPONSIBLE for their own children. If not supervising your children yourself, for their safety, please be sure they are appropriately monitored during all free time. There may be traffic on site to be mindful of.
- BE HELPFUL! Help younger children as we are all attending this location for the first time, this will be a learning experience.
- Place coats/boots in appropriate location upon entering the main building.
- Place left over food/plates/garbage in garbage bags/containers.
- 8. HAVE FUN! Have a 'fruitful' and 'fun-filled' day!

Note....Volunteers are needed for 'safety monitors' as additional watchful eyes will be a great help! We are the ONLY group in the Marritt Hall but there maybe other people at the fairgrounds renting other buildings the same weekend.

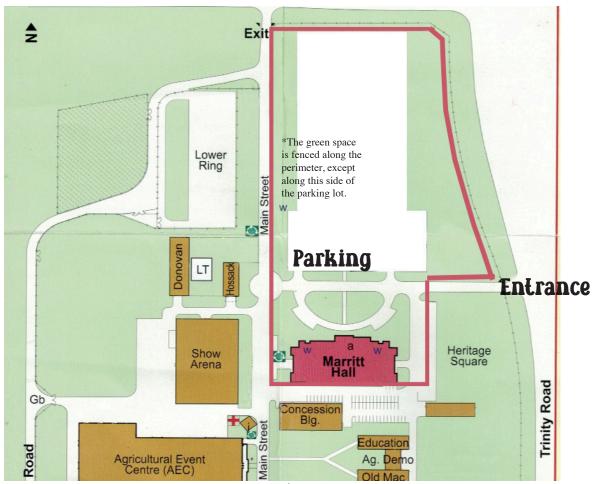
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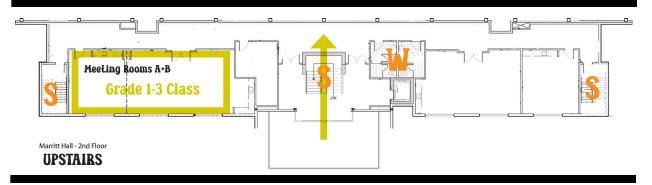


Take a few minutes to study the maps and make yourself familiar with the site map, building & activity locations for the safety and enjoyment of everyone! Please be aware that we may not be the only group using the fairgrounds, as such there may be traffic, as well as other people to be aware of.

We have rented Marritt Hall and have access to the parking lot and green space in and around the red box. Crossing guards will be posted at the road, but parents are responsible for their children.



Things to Know Before You Come





Registration 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Devotion: 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. **Go To Classes:** 10:15-10:30 a.m.

1st Class 10.30 - 11.45 a.m. (PreK-K will dismiss @ 11:15 to go to Point Store.)

Adults to mark books in the Main Hall.

Lunch 12.00 - 1:00 p.m. (lunch included with registration)

Activities 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (Grades 1-7 go to Point Store)

2nd Class 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Adult class in the Main Hall.

Presentation 3:30-4:15

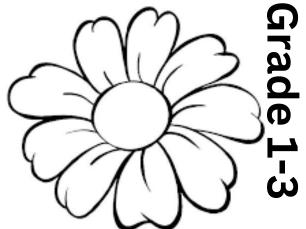
Supper 4:30 pm. (supper included with registration)

Cleanup 5:30 p.m.

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"He shall be great and shall be called the



Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him, the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall

be no end"

Luke 1:32-33

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Memory Verse - do as much as you're able to!

There is a song on the website to help you memorize it!

: 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Luke 1

Extra Credit:

Choose one of the Memory Verses on the previous pages to colour/decorate!

Song:

He brought out Israel from among them
With a strong hand and a stretched out arm
For his mercy endures
And like them He's with us
SO!

Onward toward the promise
Though the way is full of darkness
We must be children of light
And go in the might of God
And go in the might of God

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Though the way is full of darkness
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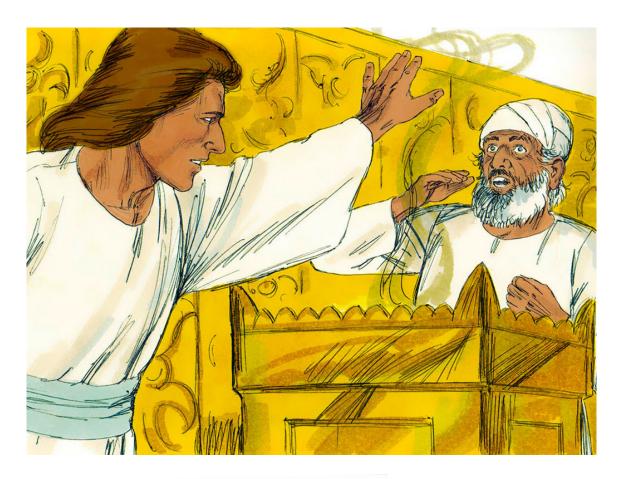
Together we can make it
We just need each other
And to trust his promise
For he will never fail us

SO!

He has redeemed us from enemies And remembered our low estates For his mercy endures We will always bless his name Onward toward the promise
Though the way is full of darkness
We must be children of light
And go in the might of God
And go in the might of God

To listen, download the practice track at www.brantfordjuniorcyc.com!

SO!



Bible Passages are taken from the New King James Version.

Lesson for us as bible students to remember: When God makes a promise, He always keeps it. He has made many wonderful promises and we can believe them all, knowing He will do just what He says. God's plans always come to pass.

Part 1: Gabriel Visits Zacharias

Read Luke 1:5-25

Circle True or False for each question:

 (Vs5) "There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest names Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth."

True False

2. (Vs.7) "But they had many children, because Elizabeth was not barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

True False

FIII IN	the blank:
3.	(Vs.5) Name the parents of John the Baptist . A)
4.	(Vs. 8-9) "So it was, that while he was serving a (Priest, King) before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the (Priesthood, Kingdom), his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple
5.	True or False: (Vs. 11) "Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense." True False
Fill in	the Blanks:
6.	(Vs. 13,14) "But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for Your
	is heard; and your wife will
	bear you a, and you shall call his name John. And you will have
	and, and many will at his
7.	(Vs.18) "And Zacharias said to the angel, 'How shall I know this? For I am an
	man, and my wife is well advanced in years."
8.	(Vs.19) What was the angels name?

Circle	e True or False for each question:
10.	(Vs20) "But behold you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."
	True False
11.	(vs 22) "But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless."
	True False
e 3:	Look up and write down the key line (key words) that prove the coming of John
12.	the Baptist was mentioned by the prophets long before his birth.
	Isaiah 40:3
	Malachi 3:1

Part 2: Gabriel visits Mary

Read Luke 1:25 - 38

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Circ	e	True	or	Fa	SA

1.	(Vs. 26-27) "Now in the size city of Galilee named Naza Joseph, of the house of Da	reth, to a virg	in betrothed	to a man whose name was
		True		,
2.	(Vs. 28) "And having come one, the Lord is with you; b	lessed are yo	said to her, ' u among woi False	Rejoice, highly favoured men!'"
3.	(Vs. 30) "Then the angel sa	id to her, 'Do	not be afraid	, Mary, for you have found
	favour with God.'"	True	False	
Circle	the Correct Word:			
4.	(Vs.31) "And behold, you v	vill conceive ir	ı vour womb	and bring forth a Son, and
	shall call His name		"	and bring forth a con, and
		John	Joseph	Jesus
ō.	(Vs. 32) "He will be great, a God will give Him the thron	and will be cal e of His father	led the Son o	of the Highest; and the Lord
	Da	vid Noah	Joshua	Caleb
5.	(Vs. 36) The angel told Ma also conceived a son in her	ry, "Now indee old age."	ed,	your relative has
	Eve	Elizabeth	Mary	Hannah

God made great promises to David long before this. Now they were to be fulfilled! Colour the answers in the verses below.

What would be established or set up forever? How long will David's son's kingdom be?

What would this son build? What will his son's name be?

God told David in 2 Samuel 7:

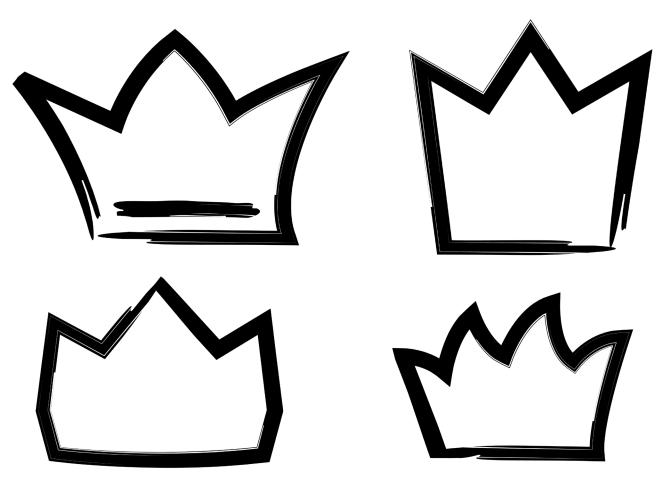
"12...when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son....16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever."

God told Mary in Luke 1:

"...and shalt call his name Jesus. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end"

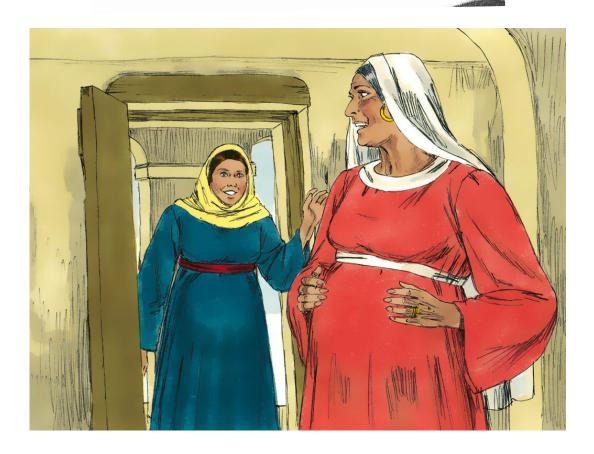
CAN YOU REMEMBER? In what city was David's throne?

Write any of these words about Jesus and His great kingdom on the crowns below to remind you.



Part 3: Elisabeth and Mary

Read Luke 1: 40-56



1.	(Vs.	51-5	3) Draw	lines	to	connect	the	phrases.
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Show strength

scattered the proud

hungry

Rich

Exalted

Put down mighty

Sent away empty

Thrones

Hearts

His arm

Lowly

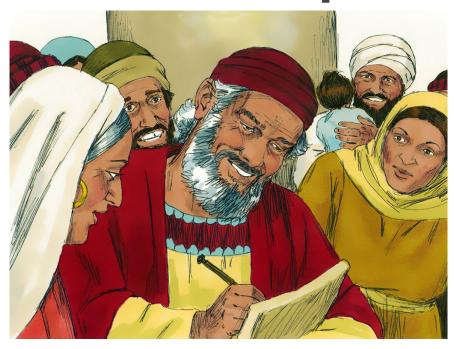
Good things

2.	Think about your prayers to God.	What do you pray for?



Colour this picture of Mary meeting Elisabeth

Part 4: The Birth of John the Baptist.



Read Luke 1:57-80

Circle True or False

1. (Vs 57) "Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a daughter."

True False

2. (Vs. 59) "So it was, on the eight day, that they came to circumcise the child."

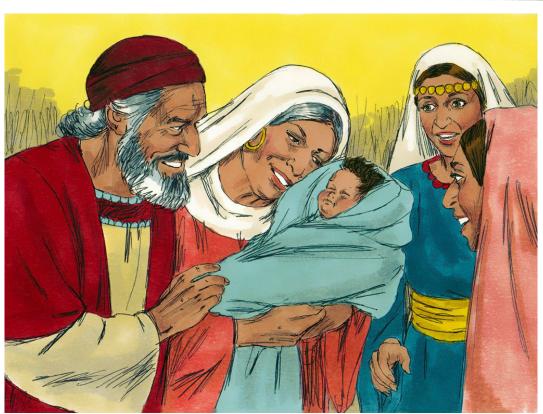
True False

3. (Vs. 59-60) "... they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. And his mother answered and said, 'No; he shall be called John."

True False

4.	Why was ∠acharias made dumb?	
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5.	(Vs.	63) How did Zacharias let the people know what his son should be called?
6.	(Vs. 6	64) what amazing thing happened after Zacharias revealed the name of his on?
	6.6	
7.	(Vs.8	0) Where did John the Baptist live when he grew up?
8.	What	good news would John the Baptist announce to Israel?





Pescribe what is happening in each picture in your own words and colour the pictures to create your own cartoon of the Garbriel's visit to Mary and Mary's visit with Elisabeth.

Using the colour code below colour the picture of Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem.



1: Brown

2: Blue

3: Yellow

4: Soft Orange

5: Black

6: Red

7: Light blue

(colour the ground "sand colour")

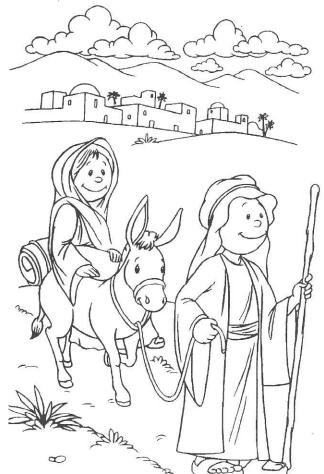
Part 5: The Birth of Jesus

Read Luke 2:1-7

Fill in the Blanks:

- 1. (Vs. 1) "And it came to pass in those days that a ______ went out from _____ that all the world should be _____."

 2. (Vs. 2) "This ______ first took place while _____."
- 3. (Vs. 3) "So all went to be ______, everyone to his ______ city."



Underline the Correct Answer:

- 4. (Vs. 4) "Joseph also went ..."
 - A) up from Galilee
 - b) out of the city of Nazareth
 - c) into Judea
 - d) to the city of David
 - e) which is called Bethlehem
 - f) all of the above

Circle the correct answer True or False:

5. (Vs.4) "Joseph was of the house and lineage of David."

True or False

Help Mary find her way to Bethlehem. Start Finish

6. (Vs. 5) to be registered with Elizabeth, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

True or False

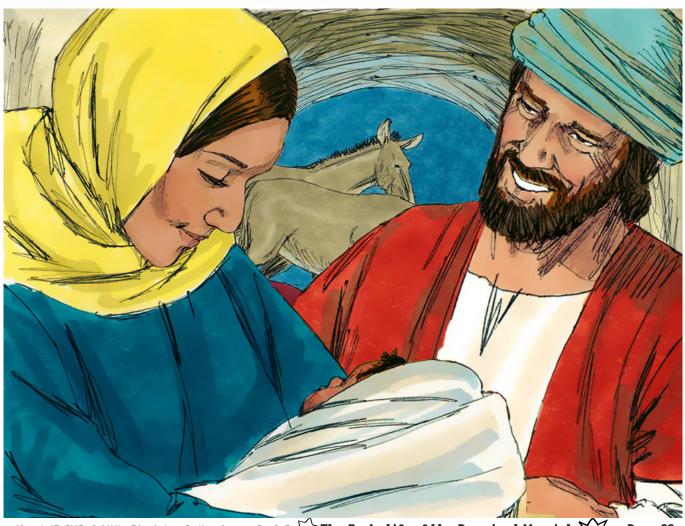
7. (Vs. 7) Mary gave birth to twin baby boys.

True or False

8. (Vs. 7) Mary wrapped the baby in a warm sleeper and put him by a fire.

True or False

9.	Jesus' mother was	and his	father	was

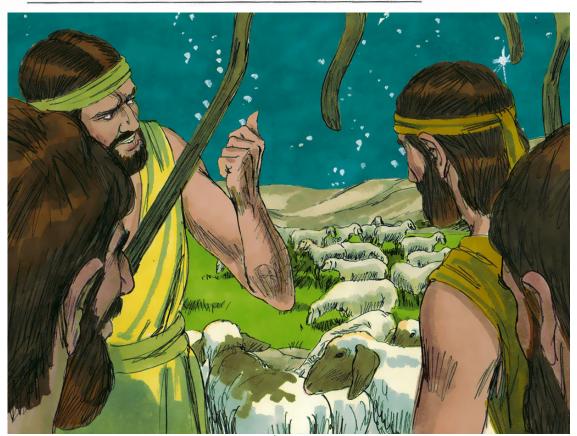


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Part 6: The Shepherds visit to Christ

Read Luke 2: 8-20

Vs.9) "And behold, an		of the
	_stood before them, and the _	
of the Lord shone	them, and they	were greatly



Blank for cutting

Draw a picture on the front of the card or write one of the messages of hope belowor your own!				
Cut out the card below and send it to someone to keep them looking forward to God's fulfilled!	s promises being			
Jesus will soon be KING in Jerusalem!				
Jesus will sit on David's throne FOREVER!				
May the KINGDOM come and God's will be done on earth!				

The shepherds were waiting for God's promises to be fulfilled.

How many words about the BIBIF



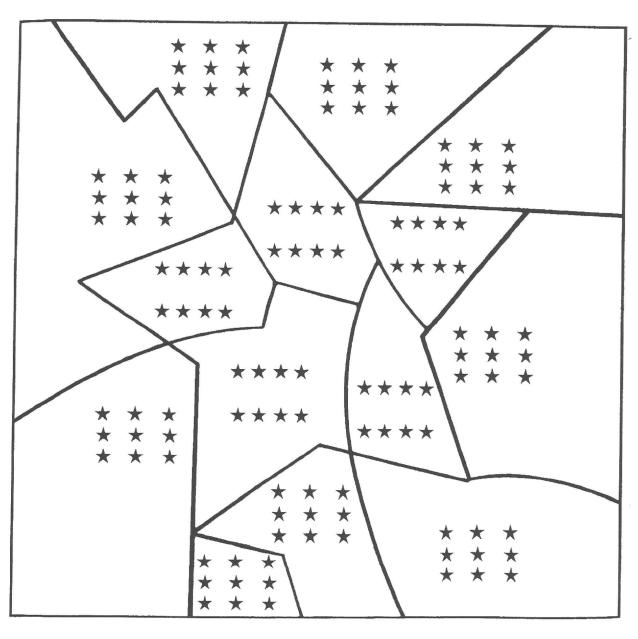
JESUS BABY BETHLEHEM NIGHT STARS GOLD MYRRH

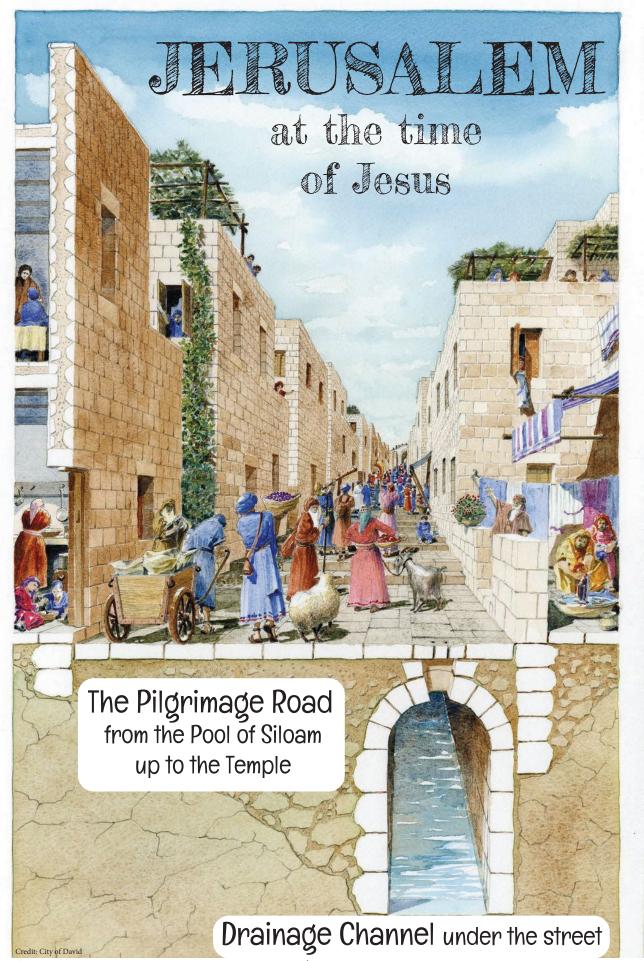
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4.	(Vs. 11) For there is		to you this	in
	the city of	a _		, who is Christ the
	Lord.			
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6	What does Christ's name mea			2
0.	what does offises flame flea	11 ?		
7. (Vs15) What town did the shep	herds go t	o find Jesus?	
Circ	le the correct answer.	•	F	
8.	What did the shepherds find	12 (\/a 16)		
0.	a) King Herod visiting the street of th	12 120		
	b) Mary and Joseph and		lying in a manger.	
	c) Mary and Joseph eati			
9)	(Vs.17) Did the shepherds I	keep quie	t about what they saw?	
		Yes	No	
10)	Is this a lesson for us?			
. 0)	io uno a lesson for us :	Yes	No	
				955
11)	Should we tell our friends ar			
		Yes	No	

A Bright Light

Color to find the hidden picture.

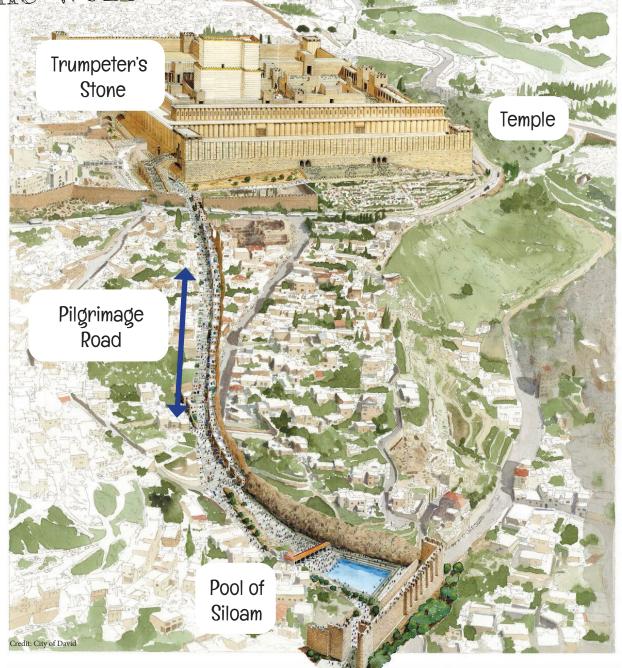




ISRAEL

...when you're in the place where the Bible happened...

... the words of the Bible come to life!



Items from the time of Jesus found even now in

JERUSALEM

Found under the Pilgrimage Road!

Cut out the things they've found and glue them in the drainage channel where they were found on the next page, (K-Gr.3)



Menorah Engraving



https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=U1niX-Ech8o4&list=PL_ mVs-DUYQ7Qlgev-VKlXymuUV6N5Slfpe&index=22



Beka Stone



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Half shekel coin



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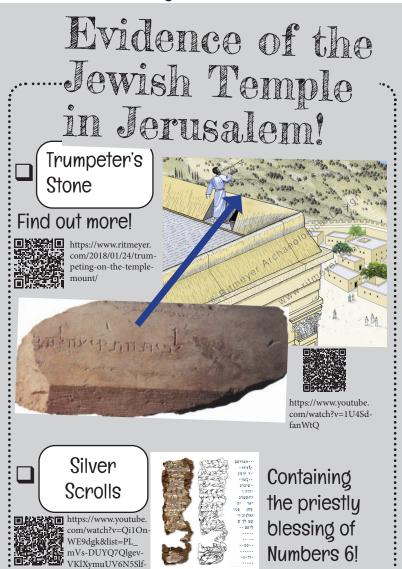


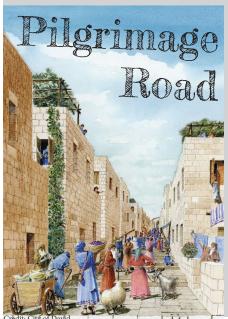
Golden Bell



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Check off the ones you've watched!





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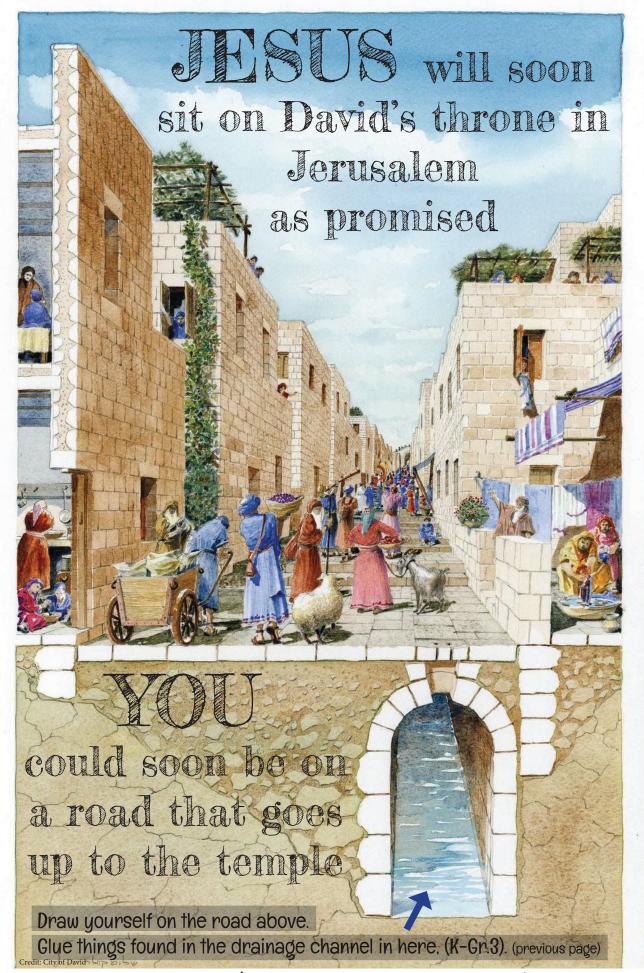


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Part 7: The Circumcision of Christ

Read Luke 2:21-24

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Circ	e	the	corre	ct an	swer

1.	. (Vs21) Jesus was given his name on day?				
		Six	One	Eight	Two
2.	Thein the womb		gave、	Jesus his nam	e before He was conceived
		Mary	Angels	Joseph	Elizabeth
3.	(Vs.22) Wh	ere did Mary a	and Joseph ta	ike Jesus afte	r Bethlehem?
		Bethany	Jerusalem	Jericho	Ephraim
4.	(Vs22) Who did	Mary and Jos	seph present	Jesus to?	
		The priest	The Lord	Their parents	s The shepherds
5.	(Vs.24) What off		y and Joseph	have to bring	?



b) A pair of turtle doves

d) two young pigeons

c) sheep

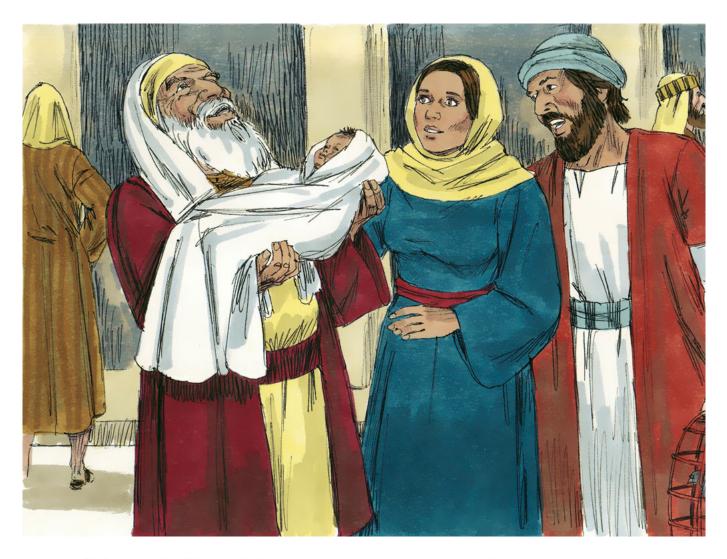
e) both b&d

DRAW THE OTHER HALF.

Use the image to the right for guidance.







Part 8: The song of Simeon

Read Luke 2:25-35

Read verse 25. How does this verse describe Simeon?	
a)	≅ .
b)	
2. What do these two words mean?	
	

Simeon was awaiting the consolation or hope of Israel. We are too!

He is the King of Israel and he will save His people, and we can be among them if we are baptized!

Paul prayed that Israel might be saved.

10 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

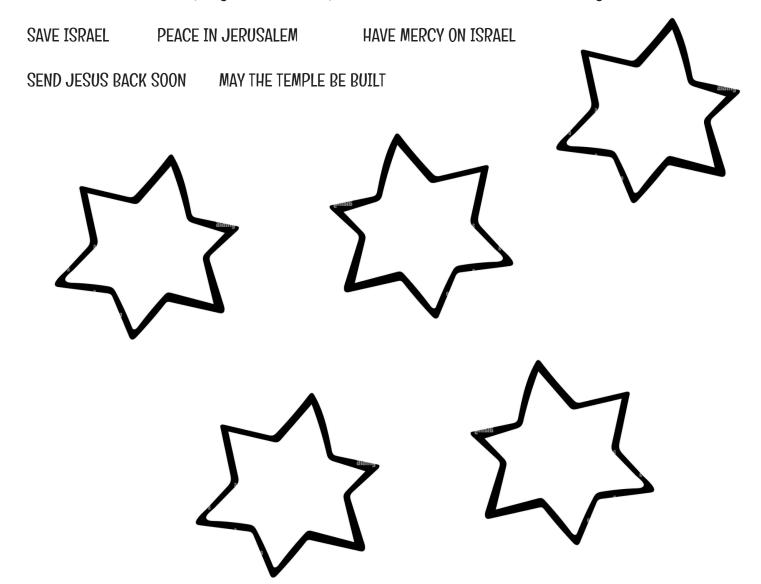
So did Daniel...

Daniel 9:19 0 Lord, hear; 0 Lord, forgive; 0 Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, 0 my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

Psalm 122

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

And so can we! Write a prayer from God's promises on the stars below or make your own!

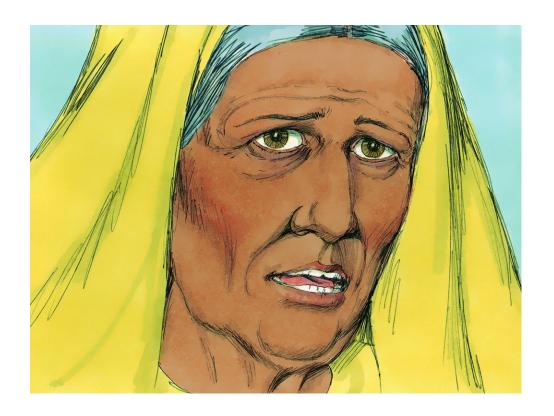


Grade 3:	
4. F Grade 3:	Read verse 26. How would you feel if you were told this?
True	e of False
5.	(Vs. 27) "So he came by the Spirit into the temple" True False
6.	(Vs. 27-28) "And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God" True False
Circl	e the correct word:
7.	(Vs.33) "and Joseph and His mother (Marvelled, Laughed) at those things which were spoken of Him.
8.	(Vs. 34-35) "Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, 'Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thought of many hearts may be (Hardened, Revealed)."



His Son into the world? A) Matthew 1:21 b) 1John 3:8 c) Luke 1:30-33 d) John 1:18 e) John 3:16

What reason does each of the following New Testament references give why God sent



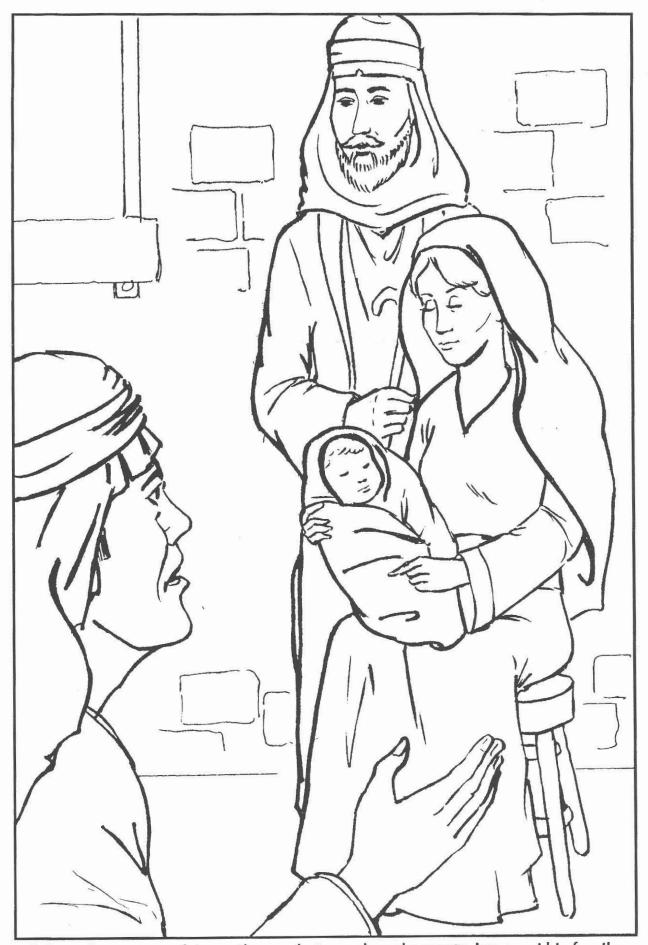
Part 9: Anna the prophetess

Read Luke 2:36-40

1.	(Vs.36) "Now there was one,		_ a prophetess, the o	daugh-
	ter of, c	of the tribe of		She
	was of the great age, and had live	ed with a husband _		
	years from her virginity."			

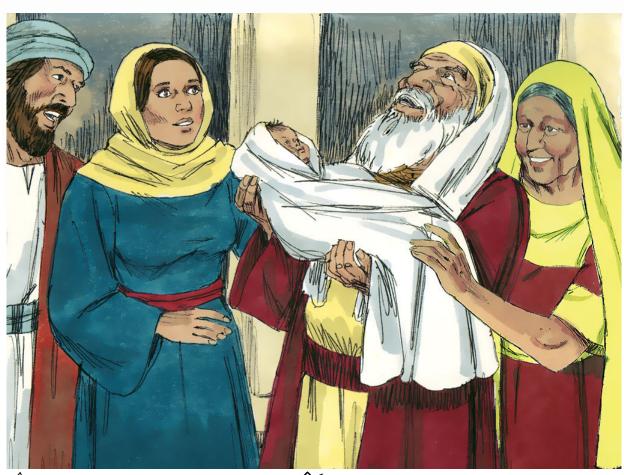
Circle the correct word

- 2. (Vs.36) "Now there was one, (Anna, Alice) a prophetess"
- 3. (Vs. 37) "...and this women was a widow of about (48, 20) years, who did not depart (To, From) the temple, but served (God, Idols) with fastings and (Prayers, whining) night and day."
- 4. (Vs. 38) "And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who looked for (Money Redemption) in Jerusalem, Nazareth).



Colour this picture of Anna the prophetess when she meets Jesus and his family.

5.	(Vs. 39) Where did Joseph take Jesus and Mary to live when they came back from Egypt?
6. ((Vs.40) As Jesus grew what 3 things filled him?
	A)
	b)
	c)
7.	Why do you think God wants us to know about Anna?





Part 10: Jesus is subject to Mary and Joseph

Read Luke 2:41-52

(Vs	s. 42) How old was Jesus when he went to the Feast of the Passover?



- (Vs.44) Mary and Joseph had travelled (one, two, three) days when they could 3. not find Jesus?
- (Vs.46) Where did they find Jesus? 4.
 - a) crying in a tent
 - b) walking around on his own
 - c) in the temple



(Vs. 48-49)What did Jesus say to Mary when she told him that they had been 5. searching for him? (Vs. 48-49) What do these verses tell us about the knowledge that Jesus had of 6. the Scriptures by the time he was twelve years old?

In Conclusion...

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Luke 2:30-32

We finish our journey of the early life of the promised Messiah. The nation through John the Baptist's teaching was ready for Christ to begin his ministry. Jesus came into contact with many different types of people, from many different backgrounds. He grew up in a loving family, Joseph, Mary and many brothers and sisters. The early life of Jesus reminds us and our young people of the need to study God's word in our lives and put his word into practice at a very young age. You are never too young to learn about God and His plan and purpose for the earth!

- * May we be like Mary and humbly submit as the handmaiden of the Lord
- * May we be like Joseph and teach our family to trust in God.
- * May we be like Simeon and wait patiently for the coming Messiah.
- * May we be like Anna and even in our old age serve in the temple. And last of all...
 - * May we be like JESUS and be obedient to our parents and follow God's word in our lives.

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12



But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; Malachi 4:2

BIBLE MARKING

Parents: Bible marking makes up a significant amount of the "points" earned for the booklet and should be completed before the colouring of the booklet.

- 1. Colour the phrase "Holy Ghost" in blue in the following verses: chapter 1v15, v35, v41, v67; chapter 2v25, v26. Write the word "Holy Spirit" in the margin.
- 2. Colour the word "holy" in blue in the following verses: chapter 1v17; chapter 2v27, v40
- 3. Colour the words "covenant," "oath" and "promised" in green in chapter 1v72-73
- 4. a. Colour the word angel in yellow in chapter 1v11, v13, v18, v19, v26, v28, v30, v34, v35, v38; and in chapter 2v9, v10, v13, v15, v21. b. Also colour the phrase "Heavenly Host" in yellow in chapter 2v13
- 5. Underline the name JESUS in verse 31. Write the meaning "Yahweh will be Savior" in the margin next to it.
- 6. a. Colour the word "David" in purple in the following verses: 1v27, v32, v69; 2v4 (2x), v11. b. Also colour the words "throne" and "kingdom" in purple in chapter 1v32-33
- 7. Draw a GREEN box around chapter 1v12-17 and write "promise about John" in the margin.
- 8. Draw a GREEN box around chapter 1v30-33 and 1v35 and write "promise about Jesus" in the margin.
- 9. Draw a RED box around chapter 1v42-45 and write "Elisabeth's prophecy" in the margin.
- 10. Draw a ORANGE box around chapter 1v46-55 and write "Mary's song" in the margin.
- 11. Draw a YELLOW box around chapter 1v68-79 and write "Zachariah's prophecy" in the margin.
- 12. Draw a BROWN box around chapter 2v29-32 and write "Simeon's prayer" in the margin.
- 13. Draw a BROWN box around chapter 2v34-35 and write "Simeon's prophecy" in the margin.
- 14. Colour chapter 1v80 in pink and write "John grows up in the Lord" in the margin
- 15. Colour chapter 2v40 and 2v52 in pink and write "Jesus grows up in the Lord" in the margin

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Younger students can do their best with the coloring and may not be up to doing all the marginal writing. Complete as makes sense for your abilities.

CHAPTER 1

orasmuch as many have taken Fin hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,

2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;

3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein

thou hast been instructed.

5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in

8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course,

9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the

time of incense.

11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their

17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well

stricken in years.

19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.

22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.

23 And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and

the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing shall be

impossible.

38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with

haste, into a city of Juda;

40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.

41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his

50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to genera-

51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of

low degree.

53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

57 Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

58 And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her.

59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.

60 And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John.

61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

62 And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called.

63 And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.

64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God.

65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea.

66 And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and proph-

68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all

that hate us;

72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

73 The oath which he sware to our

father Abraham,

74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of

78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on

high hath visited us,

79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing

unto Israel.

CHAPTER 2

nd it came to pass in those days, Athat there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every

one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came

upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is

Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the

babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. 39 And when they had performed

all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.