



## ACTIVITY: "RETURNING TO THE SCENE"

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paper, markers and a Bible

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather around the piece of paper. As a family you are going to make an Investigation Map of the Bible Story.
- Ask your child to draw a scene from the Bible story. They can refer to Luke 2:1-20 for ideas. *Finding verses with Elementary: Our story is from Luke. Ask kids to tell you whether that's in the Old Testament or the New Testament. (New) So we know it's toward the back of the Bible. It's the one of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). When they find Luke, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Tell them to find chapter 2. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell them to them find verse 1.*
- Retell the story using the pictures the kids drew. Potential questions to spark discussion:
  - Where did the story take place? What did it look like?
  - Who was there? What were they doing?
- As you retell the story, guide kids to fill in the details. Use a red marker to connect the scenes with a straight line. Potential questions to spark discussion:
  - Why did the angel call Jesus "a Savior"?
  - The angel said to the shepherds, "I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people." What is the good news? Why will the news bring great joy?
  - In the story, who celebrated Jesus' birth? How did they celebrate? Why did they celebrate?
  - Imagine you are one of the shepherds that visited Mary, Joseph, and Jesus on that first Christmas. How do you think you would respond to the events of that evening?
  - After the shepherds saw Jesus, they told everyone what they had seen. Is talking about Jesus a form of celebration? Why or why not?
- When kids have finished drawing, draw a gift box on the paper and ASK:
- What does a gift have to do with the story? *(The gift represents Jesus and how he was God's gift to the world. God loves the world so much that He gave the world Jesus, and when we believe in Him, we can be with God forever. Jesus is worth celebrating all year long.)*
- Close in prayer. *(Optional: use the prayer provided below)*

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, what a night that must have been! The birth of Jesus! Angels praising You! Shepherds telling everyone what they saw! People being amazed at what they heard! Thank You for the good news! Thank You for sending a Savior. Christmas is all about celebrating Jesus, Your greatest gift to us! This week as we celebrate Christmas with family and friends, remind us why we are celebrating—because a Savior has been born to us and His name is Jesus! Amen!

### 3 Affirmations to tell Kids year-round:

- "How can I pray for you today/this week? 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- "Don't ever get tired of doing the right thing." 2 Thessalonians 3:13
- "Having faith isn't always easy, but we can trust God no matter what." Proverbs 3:5

### Parent Resources for fostering Kid's Faith:

Mama Bear Apologetics <https://mamabearapologetics.com>

Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers by Joey Allen

Desiring God <https://www.desiringgod.org/about-us>

The BibleProject <https://bibleproject.com/>