

Life of Christ, Book 1, Parent Resources

Title: Jesus Christ Is Born

Passage: Matthew 1

Principle: Jesus is the only Savior from sin.

Praise: "Joy to the World"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- Why is Jesus' family tree important?
- What promises did God fulfill in Matthew 1?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By realizing his need to be saved from his sins.
- By praising God for His faithfulness.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 1.

Next Week: Matthew 2

Title: Jesus Is Worshiped

Passage: Matthew 2

Principle: Believers worship Jesus as King.

Praise: "O Worship the King"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- How did the wise men worship Jesus?
- What were the various responses to Jesus' birth?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By submitting to Jesus as Lord and King.
- By praising God for His faithfulness in fulfilling prophecy.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 2.

Next Week: Matthew 3:1–12

Title: John Prepares the Way for the Lord

Passage: Matthew 3:1–12

Principle: True repentance produces spiritual fruit in every believer.

Praise: "Lord, Be Glorified"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- How did John the Baptist fulfill prophecy?
- Why didn't John allow the Pharisees and Sadducees to be baptized?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By submitting to the lordship of Jesus as King.
- By examining his life for spiritual fruit.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 3:1–12.

Next Week: Matthew 3:13–17

Title: John Baptizes Jesus

Passage: Matthew 3:13–17

Principle: Jesus the Messiah was sent by the Father to provide salvation for those who would believe.

Praise: “Jesus, You Are Lord”

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- What happened after Jesus came up out of the water?
- What did God the Father say about His Son?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By trusting Jesus as his only hope for salvation.
- By learning what it means to please God the Father.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 3:13–17.

Next Week: Matthew 4:1–11

Title: Satan Tempts Jesus

Passage: Matthew 4:1–11

Principle: Only Jesus is righteous and can take away the punishment for men’s sin.

Praise: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- In what ways did Satan tempt Jesus?
- With what words and actions did Jesus respond to Satan’s temptation?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By resisting temptation by knowing the truth of God’s Word.
- By trusting God’s Word when he is tempted to sin.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 4:1–11.

Next Week: Matthew 4:12–25

Title: Jesus Calls the Disciples

Passage: Matthew 4:12–25

Principle: Jesus’ authority over sin, sickness, and Satan demonstrates that He is the Messiah.

Praise: “Majesty”

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- What did Jesus ask Andrew, Peter, James, and John to do?
- What was Jesus’ message?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By obeying the Lord Jesus, who taught, preached, and healed with authority.
- By praising God for shining the light of Jesus into this dark world.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 4:12–25.

Next Week: Matthew 8:5–13

Title: Jesus Commends the Centurion’s Faith

Passage: Matthew 8:5–13

Principle: Jesus provides salvation to all who believe in Him.

Praise: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- How did the centurion respond to Jesus?
- What did Jesus say about the centurion’s faith?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By trusting Jesus’ authority and obeying Him.
- By asking God for faith to believe.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 8:5–13.

Next Week: Matthew 8:23–34

Title: Jesus Calms the Storm and Casts out Demons

Passage: Matthew 8:23–34

Principle: Jesus has power over the natural and supernatural worlds.

Praise: “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- Why were the disciples afraid of the storm?
- What do these two miracles tell us about Jesus Christ?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By praising Jesus for His power.
- By worshiping Jesus by obeying Him.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 8:23–34.

Next Week: Matthew 9:1–8

Title: Jesus Forgives Sin

Passage: Matthew 9:1–8

Principle: Forgiveness of sin comes only through Jesus

Praise: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- How did Jesus’ power to heal prove His authority to forgive?
- Why did the people glorify God after seeing Jesus’ miracles?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By praising Jesus for His authority to forgive sin.
- By thanking God for not remembering sins that He has forgiven.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 9:1–8.

Next Week: Matthew 9:18–26

Title: Jesus Has Power over Disease and Death

Passage: Matthew 9:18–26

Principle: Jesus has power over death and disease.

Praise: “J-E-S-U-S, Jesus”

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- How did Jesus show compassion?

- How did the woman and Jairus demonstrate their faith?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By rejoicing that God has power over every sickness and disease.
- By repenting and believing on Jesus for salvation.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 9:18–26.

Next Week: Matthew 11:20–30

Title: Jesus Promises Rest

Passage: Matthew 11:20–30

Principle: Jesus says to take up His yoke and learn from Him.

Praise: “Jesus, Name above All Names”

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- Why is it dangerous to hear about Jesus’ miracles and not repent?
- What does Jesus require of and promise to those whom He calls (Matt. 11:28)?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By coming to Jesus when he is weary and heavy laden, trying to reach heaven on his own.
- By taking up Jesus’ yoke and learning from Him.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 11:20–30.

Next Week: Matthew 12:22–37

Title: Jesus Rebukes the Pharisees

Passage: Matthew 12:22–37

Principle: The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus Christ.

Praise: “Praise the Name of Jesus”

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- What does it mean to blaspheme the Holy Spirit?
- What does the illustration of the tree and its fruit reveal about the heart of man?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By examining his heart.
- By responding to the Holy Spirit’s revelation about Jesus Christ.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 12:22–37.

Next Week: Matthew 13:1–23

Title: Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Sower

Passage: Matthew 13:1–23

Principle: People respond differently to the sowing of God’s Word.

Praise: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- What are the different soils, and what does each represent?
- What does it mean to have ears but not be able to hear?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By praising God for eyes to see and ears to hear His Word.

- By examining his response to God's Word.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 13:1–23.

Next Week: Matthew 14:13–21