

WEEK THREE

Big Idea: Jesus is the king of kings.

HANG OUT Have a (real or pretend) birthday party for Jesus. Pretend to bake cupcakes, blow up balloons, decorate, and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus!
Ask kids: what would you give Jesus as a birthday present?

HEAR Retell the story of Jesus' birth using the scripts below.

(Depending on age of group, if able, have kids act this out.)

This is how Jesus was born. His mother, Mary, (wave Mary!) was engaged to be married to Joseph (wave Joseph!). But before the marriage took place, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Joseph didn't know what to do, but then while he was sleeping, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. The angel said,

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her is from the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will have a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and married Mary. Joseph said, "Mary, our son is going to be named Jesus!"

Joseph and Mary had to travel a long distance to be counted as part of the land that Joseph was from. While they were there, in a town called Bethlehem, Jesus was born. They didn't have a room in an inn so he was born in a place that kept animals.

(End by singing "Away in a Manger" together.)

HUDDLE Take time to pray for each child by name that they would know that Jesus is the king of kings, and he wants to be the king of our lives too!

On reverse is a stable, encourage kids to draw the nativity scene. Ask: who should be there? What kinds of animals do you think would have been there?



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