

Family Bible Challenge Week 2

Purpose: Each week the goal of the family Bible Challenge is to spend time as a family reading and talking about scripture. You don't need to be a scholar or have a whole bunch of Bible knowledge to thoughtfully engage in scripture as a family. We will provide questions and resources if you want to deepen your understanding, but minimally all you need to do is read the bible together and talk about what you read. For families with younger children the most important thing is for them to start understanding scripture is important for their family even if they can't read or understand it yet.

Scripture: Luke 2:1-21

Background: Our scripture this week is the very familiar story of Jesus' birth. Mary, who was engaged to be married, became pregnant before marriage and it wasn't even by her soon-to-be husband Joseph (what a scandal!). However, because this was God's doing Joseph not only marries her but refrains from having sexual relations with her until after Jesus' birth! What a godly man. You can imagine the rumors and whispers going on about these two young people, but even through all of that they persevered and made the 85-mile trek from Galilee to Bethlehem for the Roman Census. It is in this crowded city where there was no room in the inn that baby Jesus was born. On top of that the angels didn't go to the kings or the important people in society to announce his birth, they went to lowly shepherds who were looked down on in that society. Please enjoy this story with your family.

Questions for discussion:

1. Why do you think God entrusted a young woman like Mary with bringing his son into the world?
2. In this account of Jesus' birth Luke highlights the humble aspects of the Savior's beginnings. Why do you think it's hard to remain humble in a society like ours? Do you believe God wants you to be humble?
3. Jesus becoming a human and being born into the world is the most important event in human history. Why do you think God decided to keep it on the low?
4. How does Jesus' example of humble beginnings and humility make you rethink what is important/ what you want out of life?

Prayer: Pray as a family, for each other, for the world and any specific prayer request you may have.

Here is a short video that explains more about the birth of Jesus:

https://youtu.be/_OLezoUvOEQ?si=-cGing4yy9LUeRL1

