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December,
Week 2

Personal and Family Devotions • Small Groups • Church meetings

1 Invocation

Make the sign of the cross and say:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2 Psalm

O Yahweh our Lord, how magnificent is your name in all the earth,
you who reveal your glory in the heavens above.

When I look up at your heavens, which your fingers have made,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

Of what importance is the human race that you notice them,
or mankind that you pay attention to them?

Yet you have made them only a little lower than the heavenly beings
and have crowned them with glory and honor.
You make him to rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet.

Psalm 8:1, 3-6

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

3 Hymns

O Come, All Ye Faithful (page 5)
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4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS

Gospels of Jesus Christ

Mark

Summary Statement

The life of Jesus, the perfect servant

Outline

I. The Perfect Servant's Actions (1-10)

II. The Perfect Servant's Atonement (11-16)

Key Verses

1:15; 9:23; 10:45; 15:39; 16:16

Daily Readings

Su	1:29-45	3:7-19
Mo	3:20-35	4:26-34
Tu	6:1-13	7:1-7,14-23
We	7:31-37	8:1-13
Th	8:22-26	9:14-29
Fr	9:30-41	10:1-12
Sa	13:24-37	16:1-18



BIBLE EVENTS

Jesus' Early Life

Luke 1:39-45

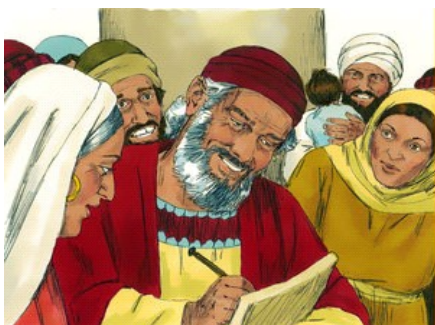
Mary Visits Elizabeth



- Where did Mary go to visit Zechariah and Elizabeth? (1:39)
- What did Elizabeth's baby do upon hearing Mary's greeting? (1:41)
- Who did Elizabeth call Mary the mother of? (1:43)
- Why did Elizabeth say that Mary was blessed? (1:45)

Luke 1:57-66

John the Baptist Is Born



- On what day did Zechariah and Elizabeth circumcise their child? (1:59)
- What did Elizabeth and Zechariah name their child? (1:60-63)
- What happened to Zechariah as soon as he wrote down his son's name? (1:64)
- What question did people who hear about these matters ask about John? (1:66)

Events labeled with a star (★) are appropriate for disciples of all ages. Other events may contain more mature content.

Matthew 1:18-25 ★

Joseph and Mary



- What was Mary's relationship with Joseph when she was found to be pregnant by the Holy Spirit? (1:18)
- What did Joseph intend to do when he learned of Mary's pregnancy? (1:19)
- What did an angel of the Lord tell Joseph Jesus would save His people from? (1:21)
- What does the name "Immanuel" mean? (1:23)

Luke 2:1-20 ★

Jesus Is Born



- Who sent out a decree that a census be taken of all the people? (2:1)
- Where did Joseph go with Mary to register? (2:4)
- Where was Jesus laid when He was born? (2:7)
- Who did the angel say was born in the city of David? (2:11)

For application: IDEA What is stated in the verse, passage or selection? **THANK** What does this verse, passage or selection make me thankful for? **CONFESS** What does this verse, passage or selection make me sorry for? **HELP** What help do I need from God to act on what I have read?



BIBLE TEACHINGS

The Creed, Second Article

Second Article: Of Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, in order that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

State of Humiliation

77. What is significant about Jesus' conception and birth?

- A. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit so He could be sinless
- B. He was born of the Virgin Mary so He could be truly human

A – Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:35; B – Luke 2:6-7

78. Why did Jesus suffer under Pontius Pilate?

Jesus was innocent of any wrong-doing, but He willingly suffered for my sins

Luke 23:4; John 10:17-18

Younger disciples should focus on the content in the yellow box from Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

79. How did Jesus die?

Jesus was crucified, a brutal form of execution

Psalm 22:14-16; Mark 15:22-24, 37

80. What was unique about Jesus' burial?

Jesus' body did not decay

Mark 15:46; Acts 13:37

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5 Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

6 Prayers

Pray for your family and friends, your church, your community, your nation, your world, and your own personal needs. As you C.H.A.T. with God, remember to Confess your sins, Honor and praise God, Ask Him your requests, and Thank Him for His blessings.



Grant, almighty God, that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



O God, by the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people perpetual gladness, and those whom You have delivered from the danger of everlasting death, make partakers of eternal joys. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and all evil, that all my actions and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

OR

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

7 Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:14) Amen.

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Prayers are used and modified from the following sources: weedon.blogspot.com/2006/10/collects-for-free.html; www.projectwittenberg.org/etext/hymnals/CSB1919/CSBCollectsandPrayers.txt



O Come, All Ye Faithful



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2. High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



5
 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come and be -
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes; Son of the
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove! Glo - ry to
 Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n! Word of the



10
 hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
 Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing! O come, let us a - dore Him, O
 God In the high - est:
 Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



15
 come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



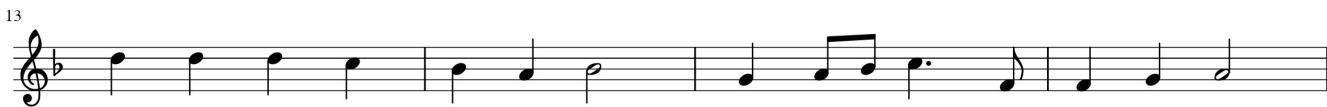
1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3. Hail, the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
 Bornn to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



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Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



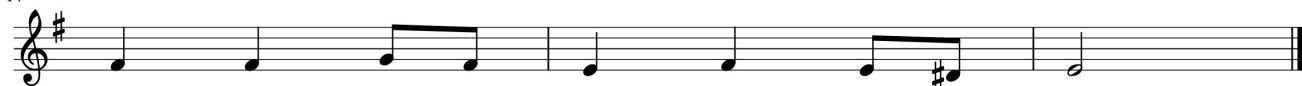
1. Strick-en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the
 2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groan - ing, Was there ev - er grief like His? Friends through
 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil great Here may
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the lost: Christ, the



Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 view its na - ture right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I see suf - fi - cient
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the deep - est stroke that
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the Word, the Lord's a -
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall ev - er be con -



of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 pierced Him was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.