**The Bible wk 12**

**Jesus’ Birth**

**Welcome to kids church – introduce junior and freedom riders leaders for the morning.**

**Celebrate December Birthdays.**

**Intro**

We are in a series called the Bible adventure! We are learning about what the bible is and will be exploring the wonderful things inside! We are exploring books of the bible. Today we look at a special story from the new Testament in the books about Jesus’ life; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

**Juniors & Seniors**

**Introduction**

Today we are looking at the story of when Jesus was born. Jesus was born into a poor, peasant family and was probably born the lower level of a small stone house where the animals are kept. His mum was probably 14 or 15 as that was the normal age to have kids in those days.

*Do you know where you were born?*

The man in charge of where Jesus’ family lived, Caesar Augustus, wanted to know how many people he was in charge of and how many people would paying him taxes.  Every man had to go, with his family, to his hometown to be counted. Joseph’s family was from Bethlehem, so he traveled with Mary from Nazareth, where they lived, to Bethlehem which would have been about four days of walking – they didn’t have cars back then! Mary was pregnant when they started the journey, they may have had a donkey but we don’t know. They would have travelled in a group for safety.

Let’s listen to the story of when Jesus was born now.

**Snack and story**Read ‘The first Christmas gift’ from Bible for Kids app or story of Jesus’ birth from a favourite book.

**Activity - Water prayer**

**Intro to activity**Mary and Joseph both had angels talk to them about God’s plan for their baby.
*When did the angels appear to them? How do you think they felt afterwards?*
This was a very unexpected way for God’s son to come to live with us. People were expecting someone rich and powerful! They expected people in palaces to hear the good news first not shepherds who just look after the sheep! God often does things we don’t expect!
*Why do you think Jesus was born this way?*(At this point the leader can share about the way God has done unexpected things in their life.)

**Closing prayer**Thankyou God that you sent Jesus to live with us. Thank you that you care for the rich and the poor and you know how it feels to be human. Help us to enjoy all the unexpected plans you have. Amen.

We are going to do something now that reminds us of Jesus coming into the world.

**Activity Ideas:**

**Colouring page & bingo game** – Happy Birthday Jesus Bingo!

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**Seniors – Paper candle** [**https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/429038301984732122/**](https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/429038301984732122/)

**Extra:** Colouring page with verse.

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