



## Christmas Study Challenge

*Dedicated to My Brothers, Jonathan, Jason, & Nathan - 2019*

*Each day, before you begin, be sure to pray and ask God to teach you from His Word.*

### **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Read Luke 1:5-23. Answer the following questions:

- How did God describe the priest Zacharias and his wife Elisabeth?
- Were they young or old?
- What was Zacharias doing when the angel of the Lord appeared to him?
- What was the angel's name?
- What exciting news did the angel give to Zacharias?
- Why would this child be such an important part of God's plan?
- What did the angel tell Zacharias to name the boy?
- Did Zacharias believe the angel's message?
- What would happen to him because of his unbelief?
- What were the people outside of the temple doing when Zacharias was inside burning incense?
- Was Zacharias in the temple "longer than normal"?
- What happened with him and the people waiting when he came out?
- Where did Zacharias go when his duties were done?

### **December 4<sup>th</sup>**

- What are three lessons you learned from your Bible reading yesterday?
- Find a Scripture that helps you understand each lesson.
- Was John's birth a miracle?
- Who can perform miracles? Why?

### **December 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Read Luke 1:24-25. Did Elisabeth express thankfulness to God for giving her a baby?
- Read Isaiah 7:14. What is one name that Jesus would be called according to this verse?
- Read Matthew 1:23. What does the name "Immanuel" mean?
- What does that mean and how does John 1:14 tell us about that?
- Read John 1:6-8,15, and Luke 1:17. What was John's job?
- Why did he need to be born *before* Jesus was born?

### ***December 6<sup>th</sup>***

Read Luke 1:26-38.

- Which angel appeared to Mary?
- What exciting news did he give to her?
- What was special about the Baby she would have?
- How long would His kingdom last?
- Whose Son would Jesus be?
- Was it a miracle that Mary would have a Baby?
- Why can “impossible” things happen, according to the angel?
- Did he give her an example of another miraculous birth? Who was it?
- Did Mary believe the message? Did she argue?
- What did she call herself to the Lord? - “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” of the Lord

### ***December 7<sup>th</sup>***

Read Luke 1:39-56.

- Whose house did Mary go to?
- How were they related?
- Would John and Jesus be related?
- What happened when Elisabeth heard Mary’s greeting? (Hint: two things happened.)
- Who did Elizabeth say that Mary was the mother of?
- What did Elizabeth believe about Jesus, based on that statement?
- Was Mary humble? What verse shows that?
- How long did Mary stay with Elizabeth?
- What are some words Mary used to describe God? (List five words)
- Does God keep His promises?
- What did she say that tells us that?
- Why did Elizabeth say Mary was blessed?

### ***December 8<sup>th</sup>***

- What are three lessons you learned from your assignments of December 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>?
- What are Scriptures to help you remember those lessons?
- Read Isaiah 9:6-7. What are some names given to Jesus?
- Will His peace ever end?
- Why does it say that the government would be on His shoulder?
- Read Philippians 2:5-11. Why has God exalted Jesus?
- What is special about His name?

### ***December 9<sup>th</sup>***

Read Luke 1:57-80.

- Were Elizabeth's neighbors and cousins excited about John's birth? Why?
- What did the neighbors/cousins call the baby?
- Who corrected them?
- Did they understand?
- Why did they think he should *not* be called John?
- Could Zacharias talk yet when they were discussing this?
- What did he do to tell them what the baby's name would be?
- When did God cause Zacharias to talk again?
- When Zacharias wrote "His name is John," what do you think it showed about how Zacharias's heart had changed from when he was in the temple?
- What were the words Zacharias spoke when he could talk again?
- Did many people in the country hear about this?
- Would John go before Jesus, or after Him? Why?
- What kind of strength did John have as he grew?
- Where did he live?

### ***December 10<sup>th</sup>***

Read Luke 2:1-20.

- Why did Joseph and Mary go to the city of David (Bethlehem)?
- Was Mary close to giving birth?
- Where did she deliver Baby Jesus? Why?
- Who were the first people to receive Jesus' birth announcement?
- What did they feel when they first saw the shining angel?
- What did the angel tell them about that? (Two words)
- Why not?
- How did the shepherds feel after the angels' announcement?
- Did they hurry, or go slowly, to find Jesus?
- Did they tell other people?
- What did they do in their relationship with God? (Two things)
- Why do you think God would tell shepherds first?
- How many angels helped with the announcement?
- What is one lesson you learned in your assignments of December 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>?
- What are two Scriptures that go with that lesson?

### ***December 11<sup>th</sup>***

Read Luke 2:21-39.

- How old was Jesus when He was named and circumcised?
- Read Leviticus 12:6,8. Why would Mary and Joseph bring two turtledoves or young pigeons to the temple?
- Who were they going to “present” Jesus to?
- What man went to the temple that day?
- Why did he go?
- Why did he say “(read verses 28-32)”?
- Why could he now die in peace?
- Who did he believe Jesus was?
- What did he believe Jesus would do for the world?
- What other elderly person in the temple was excited about and thankful for Jesus’ birth?
- Why was Jesus’ birth so important?

### ***December 12<sup>th</sup>***

Read Matthew 2.

- Why did wise men go to King Herod?
- Why did King Herod get upset?
- What did he tell the wise men to do once they found Baby Jesus?
- Was it true that he wanted to worship Jesus?
- Did the wise men know it was a lie?
- How did they find out?
- What gifts did they give to Jesus?
- Why did the angel of the Lord tell Joseph to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt?
- Did Joseph obey?
- How long did it take him to do what the angel said?
- Was Herod irritated when the wise men never came back to him?
- What did he command to be done to all boys two years of age and younger?
- Why would he do this?
- Why would Satan want Jesus to be killed as a Baby?
- Where did the angel of the Lord tell Joseph to take Mary and Jesus after Herod was dead?
- Did Joseph obey?
- Does God care for His people?
- What words of Jesus reminds us that God would not let Him die until it was the right time? (Hint: read John 7:6.)

### **December 13<sup>th</sup>**

Read Luke 3:2-18.

- What came to John in the wilderness?
- What did John the Baptist do?
- What was he preparing?
- Did people wonder if John was Christ?
- What did he tell them about this?
- Was John humble? What verse shows us that?
- Read John 1:1-34. Who made all things?
- Who did God send to bear witness of the Light?
- Who is the Light?
- What happens to the people who believe on Jesus' name?
- What does it mean "the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us"?
- What is Jesus full of? \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- Who did John say he was (verse 23)?
- Did John recognize Jesus when He came to be baptized?
- What did he call Him?
- Why did he say Jesus was *before* him, since John was born *first*?
- Who is the only One Who can take away sin?

### **December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Read 1 John 5:7, John 10:38, John 8:58.

- Is Jesus fully man?
- Is Jesus fully God?
- What are three lessons you have learned from your assignments of December 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>?
- What are Scriptures to go with each lesson?
- What is a Christmas song you think of that has to do with Jesus coming to save us from our sins?  
(You can use a hymnal if you need to!)

### **December 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Which Gospel(s) does not talk about the birth of Christ?
- Which Gospel(s) does not talk about Christ's resurrection?
- What verse in Genesis 3 refers to Jesus?
- Who was God talking to there?
- What would Satan do to Jesus?
- But what would Jesus (God) do to Satan?
- Who wins the final battle against Satan?
- Who will reign forever? (Read Revelation 22:5.)

### **December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Review all your assignments so far. Put a star by one of your favorite parts.

### **December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Spend some time getting caught up if you are behind in any of your assignments. Put a cross by one of your favorite parts.

### **December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Read Isaiah 40:3-5. This is a prophesy. God told Isaiah about it before it happened.

- Who was the prophesy about?
- What would be revealed?
- Who is this revealed through?
- Why did Isaiah *know* these things would happen?
- What verse in Isaiah 7:14 is a prophesy about Jesus?
- Do you think people were waiting for Jesus to come before He was born?
- What man that we studied earlier is proof of this?
- Why would people be excited about Jesus coming to earth?
- Is Jesus coming again?
- Should we be waiting and watching for that?
- Read Matthew 24:36 & 25:13. Do the angels know when Jesus will return?
- Do we? Who does?

### **December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Read Micah 5:2.

- Where did it prophecy that Jesus would be born?
- What verse in Matthew 2 tells us that this did happen?
- Write an acrostic using the word "Christmas." Every word must describe Jesus!

### **December 20<sup>th</sup>**

You will need a hymnal for this assignment! 😊

Read "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus."

- What verse in Luke 2 tells us that Christ had been "expected" for a "long" time?
- What was Jesus born to set us free from?
- What verse in Romans 8 tell us this?
- What does Jesus release us from (read hymn)?
- What two words did the angel say to Zacharias (Luke 1:13), Mary (Luke 1:30), the shepherds (Luke 2:10), and Joseph (Matthew 1:20)?
- Why is Jesus the "Hope of all the earth"?
- How was Jesus born a Child and a King?

- What verse did the wise men call Him a King? (Hint: It's in Matthew 2.)
- What verse did Mary hear from the angel about Him being a King?

### ***December 21<sup>st</sup>***

Read the hymn "Go, Tell It on a Mountain."

- Who set an example and did this after hearing the news of Jesus' birth?
- What Scripture tells us that?
- Read the hymn "Joy to the World!" What does it mean "Let every heart prepare Him room"?
- Do some people not let Jesus into their hearts?
- What verse in John 1 tells us that?

### ***December 22<sup>nd</sup>***

Get caught up on any assignments you have gotten behind in! Christmas Day is almost here! Go back and review all your lessons so far. Put a Christmas tree beside something you learned that is very special to you. Now write a prayer to Jesus thanking Him for coming to save us and telling Him that you will always keep your heart open to Him.

### ***December 23<sup>rd</sup>***

Read Revelation 1:5-18.

- Because Jesus loved us, He \_\_\_\_\_ us from our \_\_\_\_\_ in His own \_\_\_\_\_.
- What are some things about Jesus' second coming that will be very different than His first coming? (Hint: see verses 7,13-17.)
- What did Jesus say to John in this chapter that the angel told whenever he would announce Christ' birth?
- Who is First? Who is Last? Who was alive, then dead, and now lives forevermore?
- Is this a good reason to not be afraid?
- What about for unbelievers—should they be afraid? Why?
- Can they have hope? How?

### ***December 24<sup>th</sup>***

Read John 10:7-18,27-30.

- What did Jesus call Himself?
- What kind of life did Jesus give to His sheep?
- What did Jesus give up for His sheep?
- What does a "hireling" (someone who is hired to watch the sheep, but not a true shepherd) do when he sees danger for the sheep?
- How is Jesus different?
- Did Jesus have power to live or die?
- So was His life *taken*, or did He *give* it?

- What do Jesus' sheep hear?
- Who did they follow?
- What does Jesus give to them?
- Can they ever be taken out of His hand?
- Read John 14:1-6. What is Jesus preparing for us in heaven?
- How will we get there, to be with Him?
- What is the way?
- How can we get to God?

***December 25<sup>th</sup>***

- Write one lesson you have learned from all your assignments.
- What is a Scripture about this lesson?
- What did you learn in this study about God?
- What did you learn about yourself—something you should do or not do?
- Choose one Christmas song and sing it with a joyful, grateful heart to Jesus.

*Merry Christmas!*