Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What is the best news you've ever heard?
- Is it hard or easy for you to wait for something? How do you think God's people felt waiting for the Messiah?
- How do you feel knowing that God the Son came to earth to rescue sinners?

Jesus Was Born

John 1

STORY POINT: JESUS CAME TO BRING US LIFE.

John, one of Jesus' disciples, wrote to tell people about who Jesus is. John wrote that the Word—Jesus—existed before the world even began. The Word has always existed with God, and the Word has always existed as God. He was with God in the beginning. When God spoke at creation, all things were created through His Word.

The Word brought life into the world and light for all people. God sent a man named John the Baptist to tell people about the light so they might believe. The true light was coming into the world to give light to everyone.

When Jesus came into the world, people did not recognize Him. His own people did not accept Him. But this is good news: to everyone who did accept Him, He gave them the right to be children of God.

The Word became a human and lived among us. He was full of grace and truth. People received blessings from Jesus, grace upon grace.

No one has ever seen God, but Jesus—God's one and only Son—has shown us what God is like.

Christ Connection: The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was no ordinary baby. He was God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world as a human to bring us life. He brought light into darkness and showed us what God is like.