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# THE STORY @ HOME— NORTH

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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Lesson #2-12  
Luke 2: 8-20

## THIS WEEK

Today we celebrated the birth of Jesus. We pray that each of our Hopekids' families takes time to truly celebrate the birth of our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ.

## STORY SUMMARY

### **The Birth of John the Baptist**

Elizabeth and Zechariah, both old in age, hoped and prayed for a child. Though they thought it impossible, God answered their prayers, and Elizabeth did have a son, who they named John. When John was born, Zechariah proclaimed and prophesied what his son would say and do. He prophesied that John would proclaim the return of God's kingdom. John did do these things. He proclaimed repentance and baptized people (this is why we call him "John the Baptist") in the Jordan River. Eventually, John baptized Jesus.

## THE POINT

Jesus came to earth because He loves us.

## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

### ***Between the Testaments***

There are about 400 years between the end of the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) and the beginning of the New Testament. The Old Testament ends with Judea under Persian rule. Judea remained under Persian rule until Alexander the Great conquered Persia in the late fourth century BCE.

*Today I learned...*

## Luke 2:21-24

A trip to Jerusalem.  
Share memories of your favorite trip.

## Read Luke 2:25-40

Songs in the temple.  
Write a simple song praising Jesus.

## Read Luke 2:41-52

Boy Jesus in the temple.  
Has anyone you know (including yourself) wandered off or got lost as a child? Who was more scared, the person lost or the adult looking for them?

## *Practice: Worship*

In our times of worship, we pray for many things. God listens to us when we gather and will answer our prayers, even if the answer comes in an unusual way. This week, start a family prayer journal. Write down all of the prayers that you pray. Next month, reread what you wrote. How many of your prayers were answered? In what ways were they answered?

\*Continue to write in your prayer journals.

## *Up & Coming @ Hope!*

- Hopekids will be on break! We return January 3rd!*
- Please considering worshipping at Hope during the break.*
- Who could your family invite to worship?*
- Early Christmas (Dec 23)  
North & South Campus | 6:00pm
- Christmas Eve (Dec 24)  
North Campus | 9:30am, 10:45am, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 10:00pm (Traditional Candlelight)  
South Campus Sanctuary | 9:30am, 10:45am, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 10:00pm  
South Campus Chapel (Traditional) | 9:30am, 2:30pm (Candlelight), 4:00pm (Candlelight)  
West Campus | 9:30am, 10:45am, 2:30pm, 4:00pm (Contemporary Candlelight)
- Christmas Day (Dec 25)  
All Campuses | 10:00am (North Campus: Traditional, South and West Campuses: Contemporary)
- Worship is On Break December 27