



Christmas Bible 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 3rd

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 4th

- 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 5th

- 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 6th

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 7th

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 8th

- What are three lessons you learned from your assignments of December 5th-7th?
- 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 9th

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 10th

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 8th-10th?
- What are two Scriptures that go with that lesson?

December 11th

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 12th

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 13th

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 14th

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 11th-14th?
- 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 15th

- 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 16th

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

December 17th

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 18th

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 19th

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 20th

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 21st

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 22nd

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 23rd

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 24th

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 25th

- 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!