



The Birth of Jesus - A Study of Luke 2:1-20

# How to Use this Study

Just blink your eyes and it often seems the Advent season has passed by. Finding time to slow down, just a bit, to ponder God's Peace, God's Pardon, God's Presence, and God's Power in our lives, can be a challenge.

Included in this Advent Study Kit are a 7 minute video, this one page devotion guide, and instructions for an Advent Season Share Project. This devotion is set up for groups to view and complete in **one** or **two** sessions, but feel free to organize in a way that best suits your family or Life Group. Here are some examples:

# One Session Advent Study

If you would like to complete this Advent study in one session we suggest:

1) Pre-arrange Share project assignments and ask participants to bring their donations with them 2) Complete devotional study 3) Allow for some fellowship time at the end of your meeting, for example a dessert pot-luck and coffee

# **Two Session Advent Study**

If you would like to extend this Advent Study to two sessions we suggest:

Session One - 1) Complete devotional study 2) Arrange share project assignments

Session Two - 1) Complete Share project 2) Enjoy fellowship time with your group, for example, a pot-luck meal

We hope this Advent Devotion gives you an opportunity, or reason, to pause and ponder God's perfect plan for you.

# peace, pardon, presence, power

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# Welcome and Opening Prayer

#### **Watch Video**

We encourage you to follow along in your own bibles.

# **Devotion Auestions**

Spend some time discussing the video and the reflection questions below. The NIV bible was used in this video, but your own bible version will work just fine.

#### Luke 2:1-7

### God's Peaceful Presence

- 1. What are some of the ways you feel distracted during Advent?
- 2. What are some ways we can find peace and quiet during Advent?

#### Luke 2:8-14

#### God's Powerful Pardon

- **3.** The angel announces joy for all people in verse 10. Can you think of ways, small and large, that you can share joy with people?
- **4.** The host of angels announces peace for all people in verse 14. What is this peace and where do we find it?

#### Luke 2:15-20

#### God's Plans for you

- **5**. The shepherds were the first sharers of the good news about Jesus Christ. What do you think this means about the qualifications needed to share Christ?
- **6.** Mary treasured these things and pondered them in her heart. What are ways you can treasure and ponder the Gospel in your heart?

# **Closing Prayer**

Please take time to note any praise reports and prayer requests.

