**Homework Assignment 20: Jesus’ Birth and Childhood**

Workbook pages 81-84

You've all heard the Christmas story before. As with any popular story, though, over time it has developed numerous myths and misconceptions around it. Let's read what the Bible actually says about the birth of Jesus and separate fact from fiction.

Only two of the four Gospel accounts actually discuss Jesus' birth: Matthew and Luke. Read **Matthew 1:18-25.**

1. What was Joseph's first reaction to the news that his future wife was mysteriously pregnant?

2. Why didn't he go through with that?

3. Who told Joseph to call the child's name Jesus?

Read **Matthew 2:1-12.**

4. Where were the wise men from?

5. What city did they first go to when they saw a star?

6. Where did the star eventually lead them after they left that city?

7. Where did Jesus and his family flee after the wise men left?

8. What did Herod do in his mad quest to kill this new king?

Read **Luke 2:1-20.** This is part of the longer and more popular account of the Christmas story.

9. Where did Mary place Jesus after she gave birth to him?

10. Who announced Jesus' birth to the shepherds?

Listed below are several characters and other elements that are commonly included in Christmas pageants and other popular retellings of the Christmas story. Next to each item, write the name of the Gospel account where it appears. Acceptable answers are "Matthew," "Luke," "Both," or "Neither."

Bethlehem Mary and Joseph The Innkeeper

The Manger Angel(s) Shepherds

Wise Men King Herod The Stable

**Memory Work**

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Extra Credit: From now on, every memory quiz will have an extra credit opportunity in which you will be asked to write down the names of the books in a certain section of the Bible (e.g. the Books of Wisdom). Stay sharp on those Bible books, and it will serve you well this year and beyond!

**Books of the Bible**

Past students have found it helpful to learn the song at https://youtu.be/K9DodTRI3vU for this assignment
(or just search for “Books of the Bible song” on Youtube)

**Old Testament**

Torah

Genesis (“GEN-eh-SIS”)

Exodus (“ECK-soh-DUS”)

Leviticus (“leh-VIH-tih-CUS”)

Numbers (“NUM-bers”)

Deuteronomy (“DOO-teh-RON-oh-ME”)

History

Joshua (“JAH-shoo-wah”)

Judges (“JUD-ges”)

Ruth (“Rooth”)

1 Samuel (“First SAM-yoo-el”)

2 Samuel (“Second SAM-yoo-el”)

1 Kings (“First Kings”)

2 Kings (“Second Kings”)

1 Chronicles (“First CRAH-nih-culls”)

2 Chronicles (“Second CRAH-nih-culls”)

Ezra (“EZZ-rah”)

Nehemiah (“NEE-heh-MY-ah”)

Esther (“ESS-ter”)

Wisdom

Job (“Jobe”)

Psalms (“Salmz”)

Proverbs (“PRAW-verbs”)

Ecclesiastes (“eh-KLEE-zee-ASS-tees”)

Song of Solomon (“Song of SAH-luh-MUN”)

Prophecy

Isaiah (“eye-ZAY-ah”)

Jeremiah (“jeh-reh-MY-ah”)

Lamentations (“la-men-TAY-shuns”)

Ezekiel (“ee-ZEE-kee-el”)

Daniel (“DAN-yel”)

Hosea (“ho-SAY-ah”)

Joel (“JOE-el”)

Amos (“A-muss”)

Obadiah

Jonah (“JOE-nah”)

Micah (“MY-cah”)

Nahum (“NAY-hum”)

Habakkuk (“ha-BACK-kuck”)

Zephaniah (“zeh-fan-EYE-ah”)

Haggai (“HAG-guy”)

Zechariah (“zeh-cah-RYE-ah”)

Malachi (“MAL-ah-kye”)

**New Testament**

Gospels & Acts

Matthew (“MATH-yew”)

Mark (“Mark.” Doesn’t get easier)

Luke (“Luke,” but not “Look”)

John (“Jon.” Optional ‘H’)

Acts (If you can’t pronounce

Pauline Epistles

Romans (“ROE-mans”)

1 Corinthians (“koh-RIN-thee-ans”)

2 Corinthians

Galatians (“gah-LAY-shuns”)

Ephesians (“ee-FEE-shuns”)

Philippians (“phil-LIP-pee-ans”)

Colossians (“koh-LAW-shuns”)

1 Thessalonians (“thess-ah-LONE-ee-ans”)

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy (“TIM-oh-thee”)

2 Timothy

Titus (“TIE-tuss”)

Philemon (“fye-LEE-mon”)

General Epistles

Hebrews

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

1 John

2 John

3 John

Jude

Revelation