

Couple Giving Birth

No Delivery Room

WEEK 2
Luke 2:1-7



Parents, recall the time you were about to give birth to your child and share the story with each child. Tell them what happened, how you found out you were pregnant, how you prepared for their arrival. Retell the events that transpired at that time up until the time they were born.

It is always an exciting time when babies are born - the planning, preparation, waiting, anticipation. But what if things are not going as you expected?



Luke 2:4-7

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in clothes and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

The time for Mary to give birth was not ideal. Caesar Augustus, the ruler at that time, issued an order for a census to be taken and to do that, everyone must go back to his hometown and register. So, Joseph and Mary had to travel to Nazareth to Bethlehem, where his family was from. It was a long trip for Mary who was by then, heavy and about to give birth. And for some reason, there was no room available for them.

But all these inconveniences were not reasons for the baby Jesus not to be born. Even if the physical circumstances were not right, Jesus' birth took place, just as God planned it because there is a bigger purpose for Jesus' birth here on earth.

Today, many of us do not feel right about our circumstances. A lot of us have not been to a physical school, we have not physically met up with our friends, parents work from home and some even lost their jobs. Our lives have been disrupted and we are far away from the plans we made when the year started. But God is not fazed by any of these. Just as the circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth did not surprise Him, what is happening right now is not a surprise to Him. He is still in control and He still wants to come into our hearts and give us eternal life.



Parent to Kid/s:
2-6 years old

- What are you looking forward to for Christmas this year? What if they don't happen as you want them to? How would you feel?

7-12 years old

- How do you think Christmas is going to be different this year? Share with us some of your expectations. How do you feel about them?

Kid/s to Parent:

- How is our family Christmas going to be different this year?

Christmas this year may be a lot different from how we have celebrated it in the past. But let us not allow the physical circumstance to distract us from the true reason we celebrate, and that is the love of God who came down on earth as a man so one day He can die for our sins. Let's make room for Jesus in our Christmas celebration!



Dear God,

Thank You for making Christmas happen two thousand years ago. As we celebrate Christmas this year, please help us to take our eyes off the physical things but remind us to give the best room in our hearts for Jesus.

Amen!



Do you know that the birth of Jesus was prophesied in the Scriptures back in the Old Testament?

1. The baby shall be born of a virgin in Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."
- FULFILLED: In Luke 1:29-37, which was our lesson last week.
2. God spoke these words to King David in 2 Samuel 7:12-13, "When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."
- FULFILLED: In Matthew 1:1, where we see that Jesus was from the family of King David. Also in Luke 2:4, it says Joseph was from the line of David.
3. The baby will be born in Bethlehem in Micah 5:2, "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days."
- FULFILLED: in Luke 2:4-7, which we learned today.

There are more prophecies about the birth of Jesus in the Old Testament. It may seem amazing to us how the prophecies made over a span of centuries could all be fulfilled when Jesus was born. But these were all in God's plan and He set for them to come to pass at this appointed time.