

# WEEK 4

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE



### BIG IDEA

Jesus is God's greatest gift.

### BIBLE

**Jesus Is Born:**

Luke 2:1–20; Micah 5:2–4

## ABOUT THIS WEEK

Some of the best gifts can appear in unexpected packages, which was undoubtedly the case for Jesus. This week, we'll hear the joyful news that Jesus was born and see how the shepherds came to celebrate. While details around his birth aren't exactly what you would expect, the way people from all over came to worship makes it clear that **Jesus is God's greatest gift.**

### QUESTIONS

- **Where was Jesus born? Why was he born in that town?** He was born in Bethlehem, Joseph's hometown. The prophets foretold that the savior would be born there.
- **What did the angel say to the shepherds?** They said not to be afraid because they bring good news for all people — a savior has been born who's wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.
- **What did the shepherds do as soon as the angels left?** They went to Bethlehem to find Jesus and then told everyone about him.
- **Read Micah 5:2. What clues do you see that this verse is about Jesus?** "Bethlehem" is where Jesus was born, Jesus is the true "ruler over Israel," and Jesus has been with God "from ancient times."
- **Of all the gifts that are given at Christmas, why is Jesus the greatest of God's gifts to us?**
- **Who is someone you can share the story of Jesus with?**
- **How can sharing Jesus with someone be a gift to them?**

### ACTIVITY

For this activity, provide drawings supplies and stickers for kids to decorate a small blank gift box. You could ask some local eateries if they have any small to-go containers they'd like to donate for this. Give each kid half of a jumbo popsicle stick, and have them draw a face on the rounded edge. Then have them wrap the rest of the stick in yarn to make a baby. Add some yellow tissue paper or crinkle-cut paper filler into the box, and place "baby Jesus" inside. Scan QR code to see a worked example.



Let's take our little gift boxes with us and open them up each time we get swept up in the Christmas frenzy so that we can always remember **Jesus is God's greatest gift.**

Wishing you all a very merry and blessed Christmas day!

**MEMORY VERSE:** "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."  
— Luke 1:46–47 (NIV)

