TEXT: LUKE CHAPTER 2

<u>Directions:</u> - Let the whole chapter be read first time you come together to study this chapter so that everyone could participate fully. Thereafter, the class may then be reading recommended verses as needed when answering the questions. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.

Read the following passage from the Book of Luke and answer the questions that follow. - New International Version (NIV)

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- 2. What did the angels say to the three shepherds, and how did they respond?
- 3. What happened on the 8th day?
- 4. Why did Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to Jerusalem?
- 5. Who is Simeon, and how did he respond to Jesus?
- 6. Who is Anna, and how did she respond to Jesus?
- 7. Why did Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to Jerusalem when he was 12?
- 8. What happened on the return trip?
- 9. Why do you suppose the Gospel of John left out the details of Jesus' birth and early life?

Answer Key

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- 1. Why did Mary and Joseph have to go to Bethlehem? Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be made of the whole inhabited world. Mary and Joseph had to go to David's town called Bethlehem in person to register, since he was of David's House.
- 2. What did the angels say to the three shepherds, and how did they respond? They told them a savior has been born, and where to find Him. They hurried to see the Savior for themselves.
- 3. What happened on the 8th day? The baby was circumcised and given the name Jesus, which is the name given by Gabriel.
- 4. Why did Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to Jerusalem? According to the Law of Moses, he had to be brought to Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord. They also had to offer a sacrifice of two turtledoves or two young pigeons.
- 5. Who is Simeon, and how did he respond to Jesus? He is an older, devout man filled with the Holy Spirit. God promised him he would not die until he set his eyes on the Savior. He took Him into his arms and gave praise to God.
- 6. Who is Anna, and how did she respond to Jesus? She is an old widow, and a prophetess. She also praised God, and said she looked forward to the salvation of Israel.
- 7. Why did Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to Jerusalem when he was 12? For the feast of the Passover.
- 8. What happened on the return trip? They left without Jesus. They came back for Him and found Him in the Temple.
- **9.** Why do you suppose the Gospel of John left out the details of Jesus' birth and early life? **Answers will vary.**