

THE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Due – January 3, 2016

Introduction

Birth stories – Go around and have people tell what they know about their (own) birth. What have you been told happened (if there are children present, tell them about their birth) (If alone, think about it and write a paragraph detailing what you know about your birth and the events surrounding)?

Births are big moments in a family. It was a huge moment in Jesus' family when he was born but it probably didn't go as his parents expected.

Study

- Read Luke 2:1-20 and discuss the following questions. (parents may need to direct as ages of children dictate)
 - What happened that Jesus' parents might not have expected?
 - What might people have thought about Jesus as he was sleeping in an animals' manger/food dish/trough?
 - What might the shepherds have talked about after they heard the angels' announcement as they were going to find the baby in a manger?
 - Why might God have sent Jesus to be raised in a poor family rather than a wealthy family or a royal family? (see Mark 10:45 and Philippians 2:5-11)

Project

Plan a Christmas project to do as a family. Plan to do one thing over the next week or so to help someone who is in need. There are a few suggestions below but some of the best opportunities might be in your own neighborhood, family or church. In the space provided below, write a little summary of what you did and put it in the box in the foyer or give it to Tim Tripp when you see him. I look forward to seeing your Christmas Projects!

Suggestions: Southern Christian Home (<http://www.schome.org/page/needs>), Russ Bus (<http://www.mybuddieshouse.org/>), CHOICES Crisis Pregnancy Center (<http://www.choicesprc.org/index.html>).

Name: _____ A brief summary of my/our Christmas project:
