

## Life of Christ, Book 1, Parent Resources

**Title:** Jesus Christ Is Born

**Passage:** Matthew 1

**Principle:** Jesus is the only Savior from sin.

**Praise:** "Joy to the World"

**Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

- Why is Jesus' family tree important?
- What promises did God fulfill in Matthew 1?

**Practice:** Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By realizing his need to be saved from his sins.
- By praising God for His faithfulness.

**This Week:** As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 1.

**Next Week:** Matthew 2

**Title:** Jesus Is Worshiped

**Passage:** Matthew 2

**Principle:** Believers worship Jesus as King.

**Praise:** "O Worship the King"

**Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

- How did the wise men worship Jesus?
- What were the various responses to Jesus' birth?

**Practice:** Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By submitting to Jesus as Lord and King.
- By praising God for His faithfulness in fulfilling prophecy.

**This Week:** As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 2.

**Next Week:** Matthew 3:1–12

**Title:** John Prepares the Way for the Lord

**Passage:** Matthew 3:1–12

**Principle:** True repentance produces spiritual fruit in every believer.

**Praise:** "Lord, Be Glorified"

**Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

- How did John the Baptist fulfill prophecy?
- Why didn't John allow the Pharisees and Sadducees to be baptized?

**Practice:** Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By submitting to the lordship of Jesus as King.
- By examining his life for spiritual fruit.

**This Week:** As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 3:1–12.

**Next Week:** Matthew 3:13–17

**Title:** John Baptizes Jesus

**Passage:** Matthew 3:13–17

**Principle:** Jesus the Messiah was sent by the Father to provide salvation for those who would believe.

**Praise:** “Jesus, You Are Lord”

**Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

- What happened after Jesus came up out of the water?
- What did God the Father say about His Son?

**Practice:** Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By trusting Jesus as his only hope for salvation.
- By learning what it means to please God the Father.

**This Week:** As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 3:13–17.

**Next Week:** Matthew 4:1–11

**Title:** Satan Tempts Jesus

**Passage:** Matthew 4:1–11

**Principle:** Only Jesus is righteous and can take away the punishment for men’s sin.

**Praise:** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

- In what ways did Satan tempt Jesus?
- With what words and actions did Jesus respond to Satan’s temptation?

**Practice:** Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By resisting temptation by knowing the truth of God’s Word.
- By trusting God’s Word when he is tempted to sin.

**This Week:** As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 4:1–11.

**Next Week:** Matthew 4:12–25

**Title:** Jesus Calls the Disciples

**Passage:** Matthew 4:12–25

**Principle:** Jesus’ authority over sin, sickness, and Satan demonstrates that He is the Messiah.

**Praise:** “Majesty”

**Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

- What did Jesus ask Andrew, Peter, James, and John to do?
- What was Jesus’ message?

**Practice:** Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By obeying the Lord Jesus, who taught, preached, and healed with authority.
- By praising God for shining the light of Jesus into this dark world.

**This Week:** As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 4:12–25.

**Next Week:** Matthew 8:5–13

**Title:** Jesus Commends the Centurion’s Faith

**Passage:** Matthew 8:5–13

**Principle:** Jesus provides salvation to all who believe in Him.

**Praise:** “Fairest Lord Jesus”

**Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

- How did the centurion respond to Jesus?
- What did Jesus say about the centurion’s faith?

**Practice:** Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By trusting Jesus’ authority and obeying Him.
- By asking God for faith to believe.

**This Week:** As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 8:5–13.

**Next Week:** Matthew 8:23–34

**Title:** Jesus Calms the Storm and Casts out Demons

**Passage:** Matthew 8:23–34

**Principle:** Jesus has power over the natural and supernatural worlds.

**Praise:** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

**Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

- Why were the disciples afraid of the storm?
- What do these two miracles tell us about Jesus Christ?

**Practice:** Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By praising Jesus for His power.
- By worshiping Jesus by obeying Him.

**This Week:** As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 8:23–34.

**Next Week:** Matthew 9:1–8

**Title:** Jesus Forgives Sin

**Passage:** Matthew 9:1–8

**Principle:** Forgiveness of sin comes only through Jesus

**Praise:** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

**Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

- How did Jesus’ power to heal prove His authority to forgive?
- Why did the people glorify God after seeing Jesus’ miracles?

**Practice:** Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By praising Jesus for His authority to forgive sin.
- By thanking God for not remembering sins that He has forgiven.

**This Week:** As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 9:1–8.

**Next Week:** Matthew 9:18–26

**Title:** Jesus Has Power over Disease and Death

**Passage:** Matthew 9:18–26

**Principle:** Jesus has power over death and disease.

**Praise:** “J-E-S-U-S, Jesus”

**Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

- How did Jesus show compassion?

- How did the woman and Jairus demonstrate their faith?

**Practice:** Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By rejoicing that God has power over every sickness and disease.
- By repenting and believing on Jesus for salvation.

**This Week:** As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 9:18–26.

**Next Week:** Matthew 11:20–30

**Title:** Jesus Promises Rest

**Passage:** Matthew 11:20–30

**Principle:** Jesus says to take up His yoke and learn from Him.

**Praise:** “Jesus, Name above All Names”

**Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

- Why is it dangerous to hear about Jesus’ miracles and not repent?
- What does Jesus require of and promise to those whom He calls (Matt. 11:28)?

**Practice:** Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By coming to Jesus when he is weary and heavy laden, trying to reach heaven on his own.
- By taking up Jesus’ yoke and learning from Him.

**This Week:** As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 11:20–30.

**Next Week:** Matthew 12:22–37

**Title:** Jesus Rebukes the Pharisees

**Passage:** Matthew 12:22–37

**Principle:** The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus Christ.

**Praise:** “Praise the Name of Jesus”

**Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

- What does it mean to blaspheme the Holy Spirit?
- What does the illustration of the tree and its fruit reveal about the heart of man?

**Practice:** Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By examining his heart.
- By responding to the Holy Spirit’s revelation about Jesus Christ.

**This Week:** As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 12:22–37.

**Next Week:** Matthew 13:1–23

**Title:** Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Sower

**Passage:** Matthew 13:1–23

**Principle:** People respond differently to the sowing of God’s Word.

**Praise:** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

**Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

- What are the different soils, and what does each represent?
- What does it mean to have ears but not be able to hear?

**Practice:** Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By praising God for eyes to see and ears to hear His Word.

- By examining his response to God's Word.

**This Week:** As a family, read selected portions of Matthew 13:1–23.

**Next Week:** Matthew 14:13–21