Discussion Questions:

In Luke 2:4, to which town does it say that Joseph took his family?

In the Old Testament book of Micah 5:2, where does the prophet Micah say that the Messiah would be born?

In Luke 2:8-10, who were the first people that God sent an angel to in order to announce the birth of Jesus? What was their first response? What was the angel's response?

In Luke 2:11, who did the angel say that this baby was?

In Luke 2:19-20, compare the different ways that Mary and the shepherd's responded to this miraculous moment.

Who do you believe Jesus is?

What does Christmas mean to you?

How can you find ways to share these insights with those who don't know that Jesus Christ is the Messiah?

Sing: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (See pg. 11 in Christmas Caroling Songbook)

Pray together and thank God that he sent his Son Jesus Christ to be the Messiah & Savior of the world!



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Begin your time together by lighting a candle to serve as a reminder that Jesus Christ is the Light of the World!

Sing: "Joy to the World"

(See pg. 14 in Christmas Caroling Songbook)

Read: Luke 2:1-21

Reflection:

The birth of a newborn baby always brings with it a great sense of expectancy and joy. It's a miraculous moment when a new life comes into being.

How much more so was that special moment when the Christ child was born: God in the flesh, Emmanuel "God with us" (Matt. 1:23), a fulfillment of the prophecy told by the Prophet Isaiah 700 years earlier (Isaiah 7:14)! Imagine how spectacular that moment was for the shepherds when the angels appeared to them in the field heralding the birth of this special baby in an obscure manger!

Sing: "Angels We Have Heard On High"

(See pg. 2 in Christmas Caroling Songbook)

Listen: Handel's "Messiah" Hallelujah Chorus

Handel's Hallelujah Chorus at the Sydney Opera House performed by the Sydney Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra

https://youtu.be/weFJHtcxJt0

Abbreviated Lyrics to Handel's "Messiah" Hallelujah Chorus:

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah For Lord our God Omnipotent reigneth

The kingdom of this world;
Is become The Kingdom of our Lord,
And of His Christ
And He shall reign for ever and ever

King of kings forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah And Lord of lords forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah

King of kings and Lord of lords
And he shall reign forever and ever
(King of kings and lord of lords)
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah

"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." -John 20:31 NIV