

## GLORY TO GOD, PEACE TO MEN

Luke 2:1-20

Key Verse: 2:14

**“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”**

1. How did Caesar’s decree impact people (1-3)? What is the significance of Joseph and Mary going to Bethlehem (4-5; Mic 5:2)? What does Jesus’ birth in a manger mean (6-7; 2 Cor 8:9; Heb 2:17)? Contrast Jesus in the manger and Caesar on his throne.
2. Who were the first recipients of the angel’s Christmas message (8-9)? Why do you think they were chosen? What characterizes the news the angel brought (10)?
3. What is the core of the good news and why is it for all people (11; 1 Cor 15:3,4)? What is the meaning of “the Messiah, the Lord” (Lk 1:32-33)? What does the sign the angel gave tell us about the Messiah and God’s way of working (12)?
4. What did the heavenly host do when Jesus was born (13-14)? How does Jesus’ birth reveal God’s glory and bring peace to those on whom his favor rests (Jn 1:14; Ro 5:1; Eph 2:14-17)?
5. How did the shepherds and Mary respond to the good news (15-20)? What is your response to the birth of Jesus in this Christmas season?