

ADVENT 2021



## Merry Christmas First Orlando Families!

Our Kid's team is excited to provide this resource for your family this holiday season. We have aligned this year's advent devotional with Pastor David's sermon series, **Unwrapping Christmas**. We hope this will give you even more discussion opportunities as you strive to apply what you are learning in your homes. We also pray that in the midst of all the holiday business, this will give you an opportunity to keep your focus on the nearness of God we have access to through the birth of Jesus Christ. Thank you for being a part of all God is doing in and through First Orlando Kids! If you would like to be a part of seeing life change in the hearts and and lives of kids and families, please *click here* to learn more.

**Pastor Heath**

# Day 19: LAMB OF GOD

## Read John 1:29-30

*The next day he (John) saw Jesus coming to him and said “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!”*

For centuries, Jewish people had been under a sacrificial system that required a perfect Lamb to be sacrificed in order to be forgiven of their sin. Jesus came for one purpose, He came so that He could die on the cross. By doing so, he eliminated the need for animal sacrifice and became the “sacrificial Lamb”. Jesus loves you so much that He left heaven to come to earth as a baby, so He could provide a way for you to be forgiven of your sins.



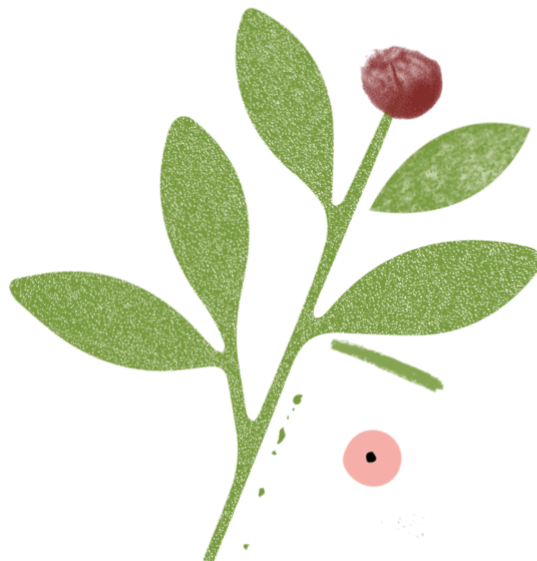
# Day 20: SON OF MAN

## Read Matthew 1:18-21

*18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.*

*20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

Joseph had an important job. He was chosen to be Jesus' dad here on earth. He could have easily said no, but he chose to trust God, even though it was probably hard. Joseph obviously loved Mary an awful lot, but he also loved and trusted God very much as well. Joseph not only agreed to take care of this baby that would be born, he followed God's instructions and gave Him the name... Jesus.



# Day 21: BORN IN A STABLE

## Read Luke 2:1-7

*In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.*

Where were you born? It's very likely you were born in a hospital with doctors and nurses there to take care of you. Jesus' mom and dad had to travel a long journey to Bethlehem to pay taxes. When they got there, there was nowhere for them to stay, so they had to stay in a place where animals lived. There was no hospital, no nurses, not even a bed. He gave up heaven to be born in the poorest, lowest way possible.





## Day 22: Came for ALL

### Read Luke 2:8-14

*8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying. 14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”*

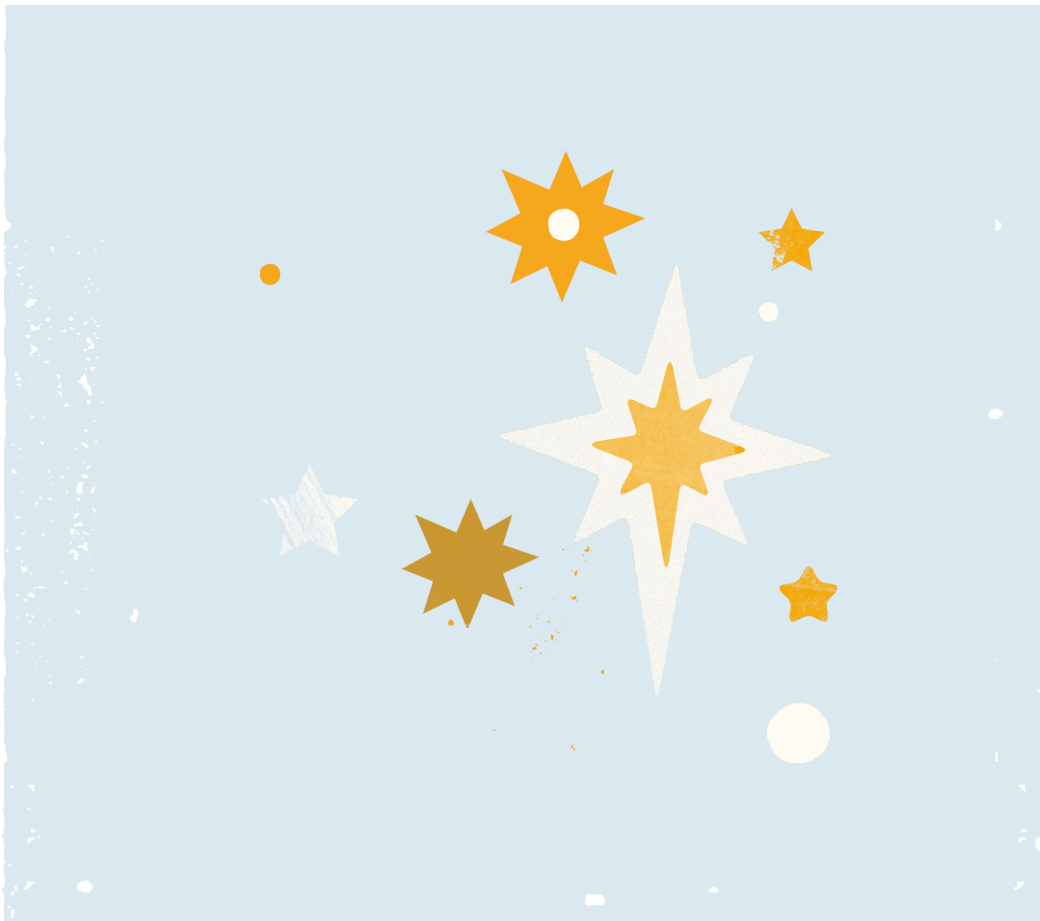
Imagine hanging out with your parents, watching TV and suddenly a blinding light and Angels appeared! Would you be afraid? I think I would! The Shepherds weren't people that got to hang out with the “popular crowd”. They were often seen as dirty and people avoided them plus taking care of sheep was a job that required them to be with the animals all day and night.. they even SLEPT with them. On this night, they doing what they did every evening... taking care of their sheep, when suddenly the Angels appeared... and they were afraid. But their fear turned into joy when they realized God had chosen them, lowly shepherds to be the very first people to be told that Jesus was born! It's a reminder that God doesn't see us the way the world sees us. We are all His creation and Jesus came for EVERYONE, no matter what we look like, how much money we have, or where we live!

# Day 23: SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

## Read Luke 2:15-18

*15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."  
16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.  
17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them*

When you hear good news what do you want to do? Tell other people, right? The shepherds were the very first people to hear about Jesus' birth. They were so excited that they immediately went to see Jesus for themselves. The good news they were told was too good to keep to themselves. They immediately began telling everyone who would listen what they had seen and heard. The news of Jesus is still "good news" that we should be excited to share. What are some ways you can share the good news of Jesus in your neighborhood, your school... or even in your own family?



# Day 24: GRACE

## Read John 1:14

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Do you know who they are talking about in this verse when they say: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” They’re talking about Jesus and how he became human and was born a little baby in Bethlehem. Jesus had a big mission while he was on Earth, God’s big plan was for Jesus to save His people from sin and death. God offers us the ultimate grace and love through Jesus Christ. As you spend time with your family tonight, remember that Jesus was not JUST a baby. He is God who came to earth as human baby with one purpose... to take the punishment we deserve.





# Day 25: WORTHY OF WORSHIP

## Read Matthew 2:9-12

*After [The Wise Men] had heard [King Herod], they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.*

As you think about the gifts you've already received or about to open, remember the gifts the wise men brought to Jesus. The gifts they brought were worthy of a king. They also bowed down and worshiped Him. They knew this child was special and they brought honor to Him. Today find ways to worship Jesus and bring honor to Him, and remember... **the greatest gift of all is Jesus.**

