

Connecting Church and Home

Christmas :: An Unlikely Arrival

Treasure Story: Luke 2:1-20

Only God could orchestrate the incredible yet humbling birth of our Savior. Though it may seem humiliating for the God of the universe to be born as a baby in a barn, it was God's exact plan for the Savior. He entered the world in humility, and He would ultimately depart in humility as well.

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"Our humility before God has no value, but as it prepares us to reveal the humility of Jesus to our fellow-men."
– Andrew Murray, *Humility*, pg. 23

Jesus' humble birth set the tone for the rest of His ministry—even for His death on the cross. He left His throne in heaven, came into the world in a barn, and had nowhere to lay His head. Eventually, He would humbly lay His life down for the sins of man. Think about the story of our Savior's birth as you lead your family in the following activities:

- **Play It Out:** Re-enact today's Treasure Story as a family. Act out Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem because of the census and how Mary and Joseph had nowhere to deliver the baby when they arrived. When the baby was born, they had to place Him in a feeding trough. Let them see how God sovereignly ordered events in order for His Son to be born.
- **Humility Scavenger Hunt:** Encourage your family to look for actions that show humility. Jesus was humble in His life, especially through His birth. Throughout the week, look for people who show humility at school, at work, on TV, or in the movies. Each night for the week, share the examples you find with each other. Encourage your family to practice humility as they interact with others too.

My Mission As Parent

- Have you ever thought of the Christmas story as an example of humility? Do you display godly humility in your own life as you raise your kids and work in your profession? Strive to display a humble heart during this Christmas season.
- Do you trust God's sovereignty as you live life and lead your family? Do you see God's sovereignty in today's Treasure Story? As you lead your family, meditate on God's power and love so that you can begin to trust more deeply in God's sovereignty. We can trust in Him knowing that He works all things according to His plan.

Prayer Points

- Praise God that when Christ returns, He will return as the true King of Glory.
- Pray that you and your family will humble yourselves before the Lord as you seek to know Him more.
- Thank God for sending Christ as a baby who would grow up to be the Savior who would take away the sins of the world.