

Year 6

Unit D: Christmas

Vocabulary

Christmas

Matthew

John

Luke

Prologue

Word made flesh



What I already know is

Tuesday 5th January 2021

T: Can I compare and contrast the accounts of the birth of Jesus?



Look at the picture carefully. Think about the following three things...

What do you think is happening in this picture?

What surprises you about this picture?

What are you curious about?

Look at the passages on the
next slide...

Luke 2: 1-14

Matthew 1: 18-2:23

Luke 2 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^[a] 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.

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.

Matthew 1.18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. **1.19** Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately. **1.20** But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. **1.21** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. **1.22** Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **1.23** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. **1.24** Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: **1.25** And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

Write down the similarities and differences between the two pieces of scripture. What do you notice?

Challenge questions...

- Why did the message of Jesus' birth first come to shepherds rather than King Herod?
- Why did Herod want to get rid of Jesus?
- What words would you use to describe the threat that this baby was to Herod?
- What do you think led men to come from the east by the light of a star to find this child?

Reflection

Imagine that you have been asked to talk about the importance of the birth of Jesus to a group of people who have never heard about him.

From the two stories of the birth of Christ what would you tell them and why?