



### Preview: 9:30-9:40

- Are you excited about Christmas? Your children? Why or why not?

Christmas is a **magical** time of year. It is full of **wonder** and good **cheer**. People are friendlier and more charitable a Christmas. They decorate the inside and outside of their homes with colored lights, **ornaments**, and **wreaths**. Christmas trees give a smell of pine throughout the house. People dream of a white Christmas that makes the **landscape sparkle**. Children, especially, get very excited in hopes that Santa Claus will bring them their favorite gifts. Santa Claus, **shepherds**, **angels**, and **Nativity** scenes appear in shop windows. Winter scenes with **snowmen**, **sleds**, and **skaters** decorate greeting cards. In some neighborhoods, **carolers** go from house to house singing Christmas songs as a reminder of the true reason for the season.

### 9:40-9:50 Vocabulary (Last Page of Lesson)

*Directions: Name the pictures. Then come back to the Dialog.*

### Dialog 9:50-9:10:05

*Directions: Take turns saying the dialog below with a partner. This is a conversation between Amy and her younger brother Bobby. Do you have a favorite Christmas ornament?*

Amy: Decorating a Christmas tree is a big job. Bobby, can you help me? Here's a reindeer, and here's a Santa Claus ornament. That one is my favorite. Do you have a favorite ornament?

Bobby: Yeah, I like the star at the top.

Amy: The star is beautiful, isn't it? It represents the star of Bethlehem – the bright star the wise men followed that led them to the baby Jesus.

Bobby: Does Santa Claus have a bright star to lead him? I hope he doesn't get lost coming to our house.

Amy: I'm sure Rudolph will guide his sleigh. That red nose is very bright! What did you ask Santa for Christmas?

Bobby: A Remote-Controlled car, of course. It can climb walls!

Amy: That sounds like a great gift.

Bobby: Is it Jesus' birthday on Christmas?

Amy: Yes, it is, we celebrate Jesus' birth. But more than that, we celebrate and thank God for the best gift of all: His gift of love by sending His Son Jesus to be with us. He came to be born and live with us to deliver us, from sin and death, to show us who God is, and how we can live a life true to his teachings. We can know about Jesus' birth and teachings from the Bible.

Bobby: So, that's why we say 'Merry Christmas'.

Amy: Yes, 'Merry Christmas' Bobby.

### **10:05-10:25: Discussion Questions**

1. Do you celebrate Christmas? If yes, how? In your country? In the U.S.?
2. Do you have any family traditions at Christmas time?
3. What are some ways you prepare for Christmas Day? For example, do you send Christmas cards? Decorate the outside of your home?
4. Do you exchange gifts at Christmas? What kinds of gifts do you like to receive?
5. What is a Christmas gift that you especially remember?
6. Did you believe in Santa Claus when you were a child?
7. Do people behave differently during the Christmas season?
  - Do they try to be a better person?
  - Do you donate something (money, clothes) to charities?
  - Do you give something to homeless people?
8. Do you attend any special religious ceremonies during Christmas?
9. Do you enjoy singing Christmas songs? What is your favorite Christmas song?
10. If you could change something about the celebration of Christmas, what would it be?
11. Do you have a Christmas tree?
  - If so, how do you decorate it?
  - When do you put it up?

- When do you take it down?
- Is it real or artificial?

## Jesus' Birth



### 10:25-11:00 Bible Study Jesus' Birth.

*Please turn in your bilingual Bibles to the story of Christ's birth (Luke 1:26-38, Matt. 1:18-2:12, Luke 2:1-20 and John 3:16). Take turns reading the story. Then answer the questions below.*

1. Why was Mary not afraid?
2. Why was Joseph, her fiancé, not afraid to wed Mary?
3. Where was Jesus born?
4. How did the shepherds learn of the Savior's (Jesus') birth?
5. What did the shepherds do after traveling to Bethlehem?
6. Who else came to worship the Christ child? How did they know which way to travel?
7. What gifts did they bring?
8. What miracle is associated with the birth of Christ?
9. Do you believe in miracles?
10. What does the name 'Jesus' mean? What is another name for Jesus? Why does He have that name?
11. Why did God the Father send His Son to be born on earth?

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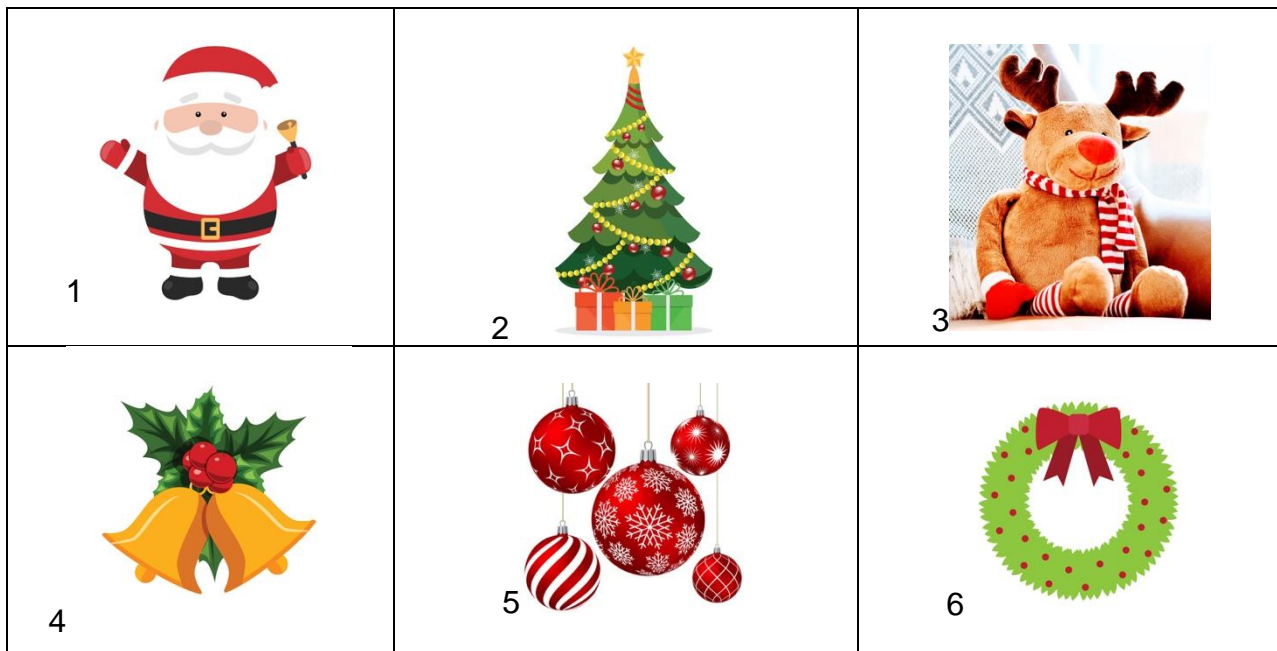
ルカ 1 : 26-38 とルカ 2:1-10 とヨハネ 3:16 を開いてください。そして、その箇所を順番に読んでください。

次に、以下の質問に答えてください。

1. なぜ神の御使の知らせを聞いて、マリアは恐れたのですか？

2. なぜ彼女の婚約者ヨセフは、マリアと結婚するのをやめなかったのですか？
3. イエスはどこで生まれましたか？
4. 羊飼いは救い主（イエス）の誕生をどのように知りましたか？
5. ベツレヘムに行った後、羊飼いは何をしましたか？
6. 誰が御子キリストを礼拝するために来たのですか？ 彼らはどのようにしてキリストの誕生を知り、またその行く先がわかったのですか？
7. 彼らはどんな贈り物を持ってきましたか？
8. キリストの誕生に関連する奇跡とは、何ですか？
9. あなたは奇跡を信じますか？
10. 「イエス」という名前は何を意味していますか？ イエスの別の名前は何ですか？ なぜその名なのでしょう？
11. 神は、なぜ一人子イエスをこの地上に送りましたか？

## Vocabulary





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