



A SAVIOR IS BORN

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Talk About It

1. Were you ever disappointed by not receiving a gift that you expected? What was it? How did you react?

Read About It: Luke 2:10-11; Genesis 6:5-7; Galatians 4:4; Matthew 2:1-2; Psalms 24:5.

Think About It

2. **Read Luke 2:10-11.** What is so strange about the shepherds being chosen as to receive the announcement of Christ's birth? What is so appropriate about it?
3. **Read Genesis 6:5-7.** How do you feel when you read about God's sadness at human wickedness? Why was the flood his solution to the problem? What about Noah? What do you think God's response to wickedness today is?
4. **Read Galatians 4:4.** Why do you imagine the time of Jesus' birth was the "right time"?
5. **Read Matthew 2:1-2.** What does the appearance of the wise men tell us about God's purposes? What is ironic about their appearance in the story?

Do Something About It

6. **Read Psalms 24:5.** What can you do differently to better celebrate Christ's birth this year? How can you prepare yourself for what God is wants to do next in your life?

Luke 2:10-11. NIV

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.

Genesis 6:5-7 NLT

⁵ The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. ⁶ So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart. ⁷ And the Lord said, "I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them.

Galatians 4:4

⁴ But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.

Matthew 2:1-2

¹ Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ² "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

Psalms 24:5

They will receive the Lord's blessing and have a right relationship with God their savior.