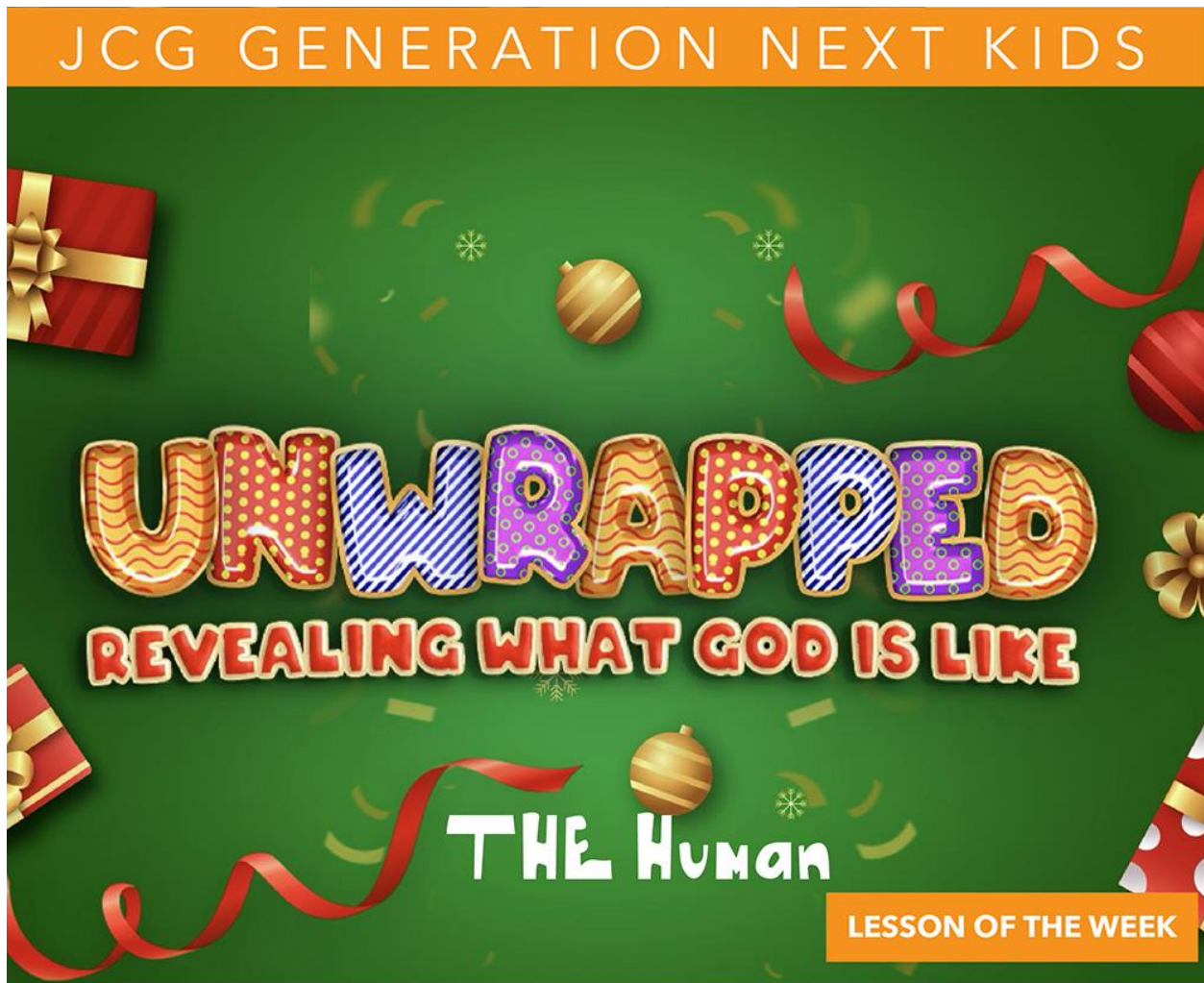


THE HUMAN



Key Passage: Luke 2:1-7, Jesus is Born
Gift to unwrap: Baby diapers/baby supplies

Lesson: The baby supplies and diapers remind us that Jesus is/was 100% human. He became one of us so that He could love, teach, and save us. We can know that anything we suffer, Jesus knows what we feel like, because he's felt that same pain.

Objective: Kids will learn that God knows how we feel because He became human.

Video: The Amazing Birth of Baby Jesus | Kids' Bible Adventure | Luke 2:1-7 | Christmas Story time

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiqwBgGy_dw

INTRO:

If you've ever been around a newborn baby, you will see right away that they are completely helpless and depend on everyone else to meet their needs. All of us were tiny, helpless babies and while we don't remember our first few days on earth, we all experienced the complete need for others.

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Can you imagine Jesus, our Savior, being a tiny baby? He wasn't even born in a hospital or a home, but a dirty stable with animals. His first baby bed was a manger with hay. He didn't have brand new outfits but was dressed in cloths. He didn't have stuffed animals or clothes with his initials monogramed on them. He was born in the simplest way possible.

READ LUKE 2:1-7

MAIN POINT

Jesus could have come to earth any way He chose. He could've been born to wealthy parents and lived a life of luxury. His birthplace could've been a beautiful room with a fancy baby bed. Yet, He chose to be born outside in a simple shelter for animals. His parents weren't wealthy. Mary was a young Israelite and Joseph was a carpenter. Carpentry was a noble profession, but not one that made a lot of money.

Jesus was born when a law was made that required all people to register in their hometown. It was called a census. Mary and Joseph didn't have a choice. They had to travel to Bethlehem to be counted in the census. This is where Jesus was born. There were no rooms available for Mary and Joseph, so they ended up outside with the animals, in a shelter provided to keep the animals safe.

If Jesus had an opportunity to choose His entrance to earth, why did He choose such a simple way? Jesus wanted to feel what we feel, see what we see, and experience what we experience. Having an easy life where He had everything handed to Him would limit His ability to live like the majority of people on earth. Joseph was a carpenter, so it's very likely that Jesus worked the profession with Him. He truly wanted to know what it was like to be human so He could know what we need.

DRIVE IT HOME

Have you experienced situations you don't want to experience again? If you could, would you go back and skip things in life that hurt you? Jesus knew that coming to earth would be hard, yet He chose to do it anyway.

It's amazing to think that Jesus loves us so much that He put Himself through a life that most people want to avoid. Usually, we don't wake up and say, "I hope someone hates me today and tries to kill me." Jesus lived, died, and lived again so we can accept salvation and experience abundant life with God.

Parent/Child Chat: K - 2nd grade

Read Luke 2:1-7

Who ordered the census?
Where did Joseph and Mary go for the census?
What did Mary dress Jesus in after He was born?
Why was Jesus born in a manger?
What did Joseph do for a living?

Parent/Child Chat: 3rd - 8th grade

Read Luke 2:1-7

What is a census?
Who was to be counted in the census?
Where did Mary and Joseph live before traveling for the census?
Why did Jesus choose to come to earth in such a simple way?
Where was Jesus born?

Parent Time

What you need to know:

Jesus came to earth to feel what we feel. Ask God to help your kids understand how much He loves us.

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CRAFT

A Drawing

ITEMS NEEDED:

Paper

Crayons or markers

INSTRUCTIONS:

Have your child(ren) draw a picture of baby Jesus.