

**Christ's Birth and Death –
Matthew 2 & Matthew 27**

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Word list:

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| 1. Bethlehem | 11. Jesus |
| 2. Child | 12. Judea |
| 3. crucified | 13. King |
| 4. dream | 14. Lots |
| 5. frankincense | 15. myrrh |
| 6. garments | 16. Prophet |
| 7. Golgotha | 17. sour |
| 8. gold | 18. Star |
| 9. Herod | 19. wine |
| 10. Israel | 20. wise men |

Christ's Birth:

Matthew 2:1– 12:

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard his, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." 9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

Answers to crossword puzzle

A	C	E	W	I	S	E	M	E	N	B	G	D	F	H
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T	A	J	E	S	U	S	Y	T	U	A	S	R	Z	E
H	B	E	C	M	Y	R	R	H	D	F	G	M	H	M
A	I	J	P	R	O	P	H	E	T	K	L	E	M	N
S	E	C	R	U	C	I	F	I	E	D	Q	N	P	O
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Did you know...?

That Jesus' birth was prophesied hundreds of years before He was born, by the prophet Isaiah? His death was also prophesied by the psalmist David.

Isaiah 9:6 says:

*"For unto us a **Child is born**, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

Psalms 22:16 says:

*"For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. **They pierced My hands and My feet.**"*

Memory verse

Matthew 25:54:

So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Your Assignments

1. Read all of Matthew chapter 27. Ask your parents if you need help understanding something.
2. Draw a picture of what you think "Golgotha" might have looked like, the place where Jesus was crucified.
3. Read all of Matthew chapters 1 & 2, as well as Luke chapter 2. See what things are similar in the two different passages, and what things are different. These two passages are called parallel passages, because they record the same event.

Jesus' Death:

Matthew 27:33 – 37:

And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, ³⁴ they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink. ³⁵ Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." ³⁶ Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. ³⁷ And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

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