

Who's the **BaBY**? in the **Manger**?

Read Luke 2:1-6.

You already know about the events in these verses, right? You could almost say these verses from memory – you've heard them so often.

The truth is, lots of people say lots of things about the baby Jesus this time of year. Even people who don't want to talk about the Lord Jesus' adult life (and all He said and did as an adult) are willing to talk about the manger scene.



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But you know more than the average person.

You know that Jesus is God's Son, right? You know that the birth in Bethlehem is more, so MUCH MORE, than a sweet story.

You know that the baby in Bethlehem was God becoming man so that He could take the punishment for our sin (Philippians 2:6-8).

But wait a minute, who IS God?

Look up the following verses (though actually you should KNOW them) and write down what each verse says about God.

1. Genesis 1:1 – God is _____.
2. Revelation 22:13 – God is _____.
3. Psalm 99:3 – God is _____.
4. Psalm 139:2 – God is _____.
5. John 3:16 – God is _____.

Think about it. God, who is Creator, who is eternal, who is holy, who is omnipresent (everywhere), who is love – was willing to become a man so that He could take the punishment for our sins.

He was willing to become helpless and put Himself (as a baby) into the very hands of people – the people HE CREATED!

He was willing to do this for us.

Why not thank God RIGHT NOW **for His love?**

Why not thank God RIGHT NOW **that He was willing to become a man for us?**

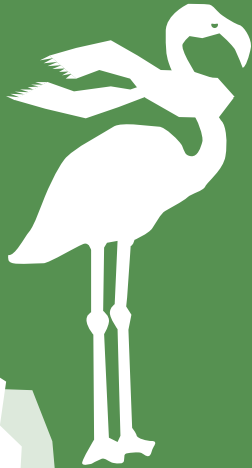
Why not thank God RIGHT NOW **that He was willing to die for our sins?**

Why not thank God **that He IS God?**

Wait a minute! Maybe you have no idea what all this is about. You need to talk to one of your leaders TONIGHT! You need to understand what Christmas is all about.

What do you call
a flamingo at
the North Pole?

(Lost)



What did the
snowman eat
for breakfast?

(Frosted flakes.)



How are
Christmas
trees and bad
knitters alike?

(They both drop
their needles.)



What do you
call a polar bear
wearing earmuffs?

(Anything you want;
he can't hear you.)

What do you get
if you cross a Yule
log with a duck?

(A fire quacker.)



Snowman Soup

Here's a fun treat to make for your family and friends –
SOME SNOWMAN SOUP.

For each serving you will need:

- a package of hot chocolate mix
- about a dozen mini marshmallows
- a mini candy cane (crushed)
- 3 chocolate kisses (unwrapped)
- a plastic sandwich bag

1. Put the ingredients in the bag, close tightly and shake.
2. Design a tag that wishes your family member or friend a Merry Christmas with instructions to pour ingredients into a mug and add a cup of warm water. You might want to add a favorite verse that talks about God's love.
3. Attach the tag to the bag. (You could glue it. You could make a hole at the top of the bag – above the closure – and tie with a bow.)

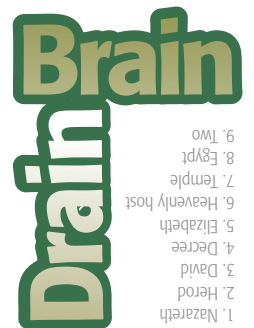




Start with square one and continue writing the answers to the questions. The last letter of an answer is also the first letter of the next answer.



1. Where were Mary and Joseph from? Luke 2:4 (8 letters)
2. The king who wanted to kill the babies under the age of 2. Matthew 2:16 (5 letters)
3. Another name for Bethlehem is City of _____ . Luke 2:4 (5 letters)
4. What did Caesar Augustus send out to tell people to come to their hometowns?
Luke 2:1 (6 letters)
5. What was the name of Mary's cousin? Luke 1:36 (9 letters)
6. Who appeared to the shepherds? Luke 2:13 (12 letters)
7. Where did Joseph and Mary take Jesus on the eighth day? Luke 2:46 (6 letters)
8. Where did Joseph and Mary take Jesus in order to escape Herod? Matthew 2:13 (5 letters)
9. Herod said to kill all baby boys under what age? Matthew 2:16 (3 letters)



1. Nazareth
2. Herod
3. David
4. Decree
5. Elizabeth
6. Heavenly host
7. Temple
8. Egypt
9. Two



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