

# Jesus's Birth, Baptism, and Temptation Bible Stories

The Old Testament concludes with the books of the prophets. Several seem to have foretold the birth and sacrifice of Jesus; as you read these, consider how you view the prophecies. The story of the birth, dedication, baptism, and temptation of Jesus unfold in the Gospels and take us from November 22 through the day after Christmas, 2021.

## 1-Advent

Advent—the Church Year Begins, Leviticus 23:1-3

## 2-Prophecy

A Great Light, Isaiah 9:1-5

## 3-Prophecy

The Word, John 1:1-18  
Story Bible: *Spark Story Bible*

## 4-Prophecy

A King for Israel, Ezekiel 37:24, 25–27

## 5-Prophecy

The Child of God, Hosea 11:1-4 (“I called my Son out of Egypt.” Matthew 2:15)

## 6-Prophecy

Emmanuel, Isaiah 7:13-16 (Matthew 1:23)

## 7-Prophecy

Isaiah's Son, Isaiah 8:1-4

## 8-Prophecy

Hope for the Future, Isaiah 8:23–9:1

## 9-Prophecy

The Prince of Peace, Isaiah 9:6-7

## 10-Prophecy

A New King, Isaiah 11:10

## 11-Prophecy

Foundation for Zion, Isaiah 28:14-17

## 12-Prophecy

A King from Bethlehem, Micah 5:1-5 (Matthew 2:5-6). Story Bible: *Spark Story Bible*

## 13-Prophecy

The Suffering Servant, Isaiah 53:1-12

## 14-Prophecy

A New Covenant, Jeremiah 31:15-34 (“Rachel is weeping for her children.” Matthew 2:17)

## 15-Birth of Jesus

The Ancestors of Jesus, Matthew 1:1-17

The Ancestors of Jesus, Luke 3:23-38

## 16-Birth of Jesus

An Angel Visits Zechariah, Luke 1:5-25

An Angel Visits Mary, Luke 1:26-38. Story Bibles: *Children of God, Spark Story Bible*

## 17-Birth of Jesus

An Angel Visits Joseph Matthew 1:18-25. Story Bible: *Spark Story Bible*

## 18-Birth of Jesus

Mary Visits Elizabeth, Luke 1:39-56 (Includes Mary's Song, Luke 1:46-55)

## 19-Birth of Jesus

The Birth of John the Baptist, Luke 1:57-66.  
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## 20-Birth of Jesus

Zechariah, Luke 1:67-80. Story Bibles: *Growing in God's Love, Spark Story Bible*

## 21-Birth of Jesus

Journey to Bethlehem, Luke 2:1-4. Story Bibles: *Children of God, Spark Story Bible*

The Birth of Jesus, Matthew 2:1

The Birth of Jesus, Luke 2:5-7. Story Bibles,  
*Children of God, Spark Story Bible*

## 22-Birth of Jesus

The Shepherds, Luke 2:8-20. Story Bibles,  
*Children of God, Spark Story Bible*

## 23-Birth of Jesus

Jesus, Simeon, and Anna, Luke 2:21-38. Story  
Bibles: *Growing in God's Love, Spark Story Bible*

## 24-Birth of Jesus

The Magi, Matthew 2:1-12. Story Bibles:  
*Children of God, Growing in God's Love, Spark  
Story Bible.*

## 25-Jesus as a Child

Escape to Egypt, Matthew 2:13-15. Story Bible:  
*Spark Story Bible*

Killing of the Children, Matthew 2:16-18. Story  
Bible: *Spark Story Bible*

## 26-Jesus as a Child

Return from Egypt, Matthew 2:19-23 (There is  
no Biblical or other source for the prophecy "He  
will be called a Nazarene."). Story Bible: *Spark  
Story Bible*

Return to Nazareth, Luke 2:39-40

## 27-Jesus as a Child

The Boy Jesus in the Temple, Luke 2:41-52.  
Story Bibles: *Children of God, Growing in God's  
Love, Spark Story Bible*

## 28-Baptism of Jesus

John the Baptist, Matthew 3:1-12. Story Bible:  
*Spark Story Bible*

## 29-Baptism of Jesus

John the Baptist, Mark 1:1-8, Story Bible: *Spark  
Story Bible*

## 30-Baptism of Jesus

John the Baptist, Luke 3:1-18. Story Bible: *Spark  
Story Bible*

## 31-Baptism of Jesus

John the Baptist, John 1:19-28. Story Bible:  
*Spark Story Bible*

## 32-Baptism of Jesus

The Lamb of God, John 1:29-42. Story Bible:  
*Spark Story Bible*

## 33-Baptism of Jesus

The Baptism of Jesus, Matthew 3:13-16; Mark  
1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-13. Story Bibles:  
*Growing in God's Love, Spark Story Bible*

## 34-Christmas Day

A favorite Christmas story

## 35-Temptation of Jesus

The Temptation of Jesus, Matthew 4:1-11; Mark  
1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13. Story Bible: *Spark Story  
Bible*