

The Unexpected Christmas

Week 2: Unexpected Birth

Story Time

Watch the story video from this week's smAll Nations.



Memory Verse

She gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger.



Luke 2:6

Chat Time

Chat about the story. Use these questions to help you get started:



Which animal was in our story today?

Why did Mary and Joseph end up in a stable?

What did the cow give up?

What amazing event happened in the stable that night?

What do you think it would have been like to be in the stable that night?

Bible Time

Today's story comes from Luke 2 and tells us about the most wonderful part of the Christmas story - the birth of Jesus.



We know that Jesus is someone pretty special and God's son so it may be a bit unexpected to find him in a stable. We would expect someone so important to be born in a palace or at least in a proper house. But as we found out last week - God is pretty unexpected and definitely in control of every part of his birth. God decided to deliver his wonderful present in an unexpected way to show us that this gift was for everyone, not just the rich and powerful but the poor too. Because he was born into a poor family, Jesus knows what it's like to be poor too and also, he understands the many different problems we can face being human.

All that God asks is that we accept his wonderful gift. Just like the cow in the story made room for Jesus in the stable - we need to make room for Jesus at Christmas time. We also need to share the unexpected birth of Jesus with everyone we know - because this amazing gift is for everyone.

Song Of The Week

Away In A Manger by Casting Crowns



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Prayer For The Week

Thank you God for Jesus. His birthplace was unexpected but showed you sent him to be fully human and just like us. Thank you that at Christmas time we can be reminded of the most wonderful arrival on earth, a baby boy, born to save us. Amen



Ideas For The Week

Who could you tell this week about Jesus' birth and the story so far? Perhaps you could make some decorations from today's craft to share with your neighbours?



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don't forget to send us pictures of you and your family watching small Nations and getting ready for Christmas. We want to see those Christmas jumpers! Ask a grown-up to email them to: smallnations@allnationselim.org

