

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

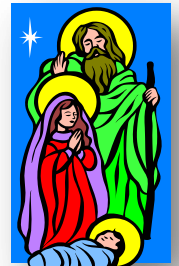
Heaven Came Down

Getting Started

Describe your most memorable Christmas.

Digging In

1. **Read Psalm 145.** List all the attributes of God that you can find in this psalm.
2. Let's say a friend were to ask you what God is like. How would you answer? How would you describe God?
3. **Read Luke 2:1-7.** Write a brief summary of the circumstances that surrounded the birth of Christ.
4. Based on what we've learned about God, is there anything that strikes you as unusual about the birth of Christ? If so, what?
5. **Read Philippians 2:5-11.** In what ways did the incarnation of Christ involve incredible self-humbling on his part?
6. How does this affect your understanding of what took place in Bethlehem when Jesus was born?
7. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:9.** In what way did the Lord Jesus become poor? How did we become rich?
8. What is meant by the statement: we should never think of the incarnation without remembering the atonement (Christ's sacrificial death on our behalf)?



Getting Personal

- **Read Matthew 1:18-25.** What two names are given to Jesus in this passage? What is the significance of each?
- Meditate on Matt 1:18-25. Think of what God has done for you in sending his Son to be your Savior. Reflect on the implications of his name, Immanuel. Take a few minutes to express your gratitude to God for sending his Son to be our Savior and Lord.