

CHAPTER 22, THE BIRTH OF THE KING

Journal your answers to these questions as you read through the chapter this week. You may wish to read one day and journal the next, or spread the questions over the whole week.

DAY 1

1. Many people dispute Jesus and His true nature. Some say He was only a good man. Others say He was a god. What does p. 309 or John 1:1-14, 18 teach you about The Word, Jesus?
2. *“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God”* (p. 309 or John 1:12-13). Look up 1 John 3:1-3, 4:7-11, and 5:1-5. How does someone become a child of God? What does it imply for *you* to be a child of God?

DAY 2

1. What do you suppose Mary might have thought and felt after Gabriel’s visit?
2. Describe Joseph’s character and faith. What makes him an especially good role model for men today?
3. Mary “pondered these things in her heart” (p 313, 316). Surely her understanding of who Jesus was grew and matured over the years. How has your understanding of Jesus grown through this study of The Story?

DAY 3

1. How has this chapter changed your perception of angels?
2. We know very little about Jesus’ childhood except for the episode at Passover when He was 12 years old. What do you think Jesus understood about Himself by this time? What lessons from this episode could you share with children and youth?