



## COVID-TIME CONFIRMATION 2020-2021

### *THE BIRTH OF JESUS*

*Grab your Bible. Watch the video posted on the church website and follow along. Answer the questions that follow.*

1. Read Luke 2:1-20
2. There were many hopes and expectations with regard to the leader whom God would send to bring justice and peace. Some were expecting a military hero—who would conquer the Romans, rally God’s people, and usher in an era of peace and prosperity for the faithful who had been oppressed. Instead, God sent His Son, coming to earth as a baby. **Why would God come to earth in this way?**
3. Read Micah 5:2-5. Luke tells us that it was by a royal decree that Joseph and Mary travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. There Mary births Jesus. **Why was it important that Jesus was born in Bethlehem?**
4. “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!’” (Luke 2:13-14) The idea that shepherds were the first to receive the news of the Messiah’s birth from the angelic heavenly host would have been surprising and offensive to the original hearers and readers of this story. **Why?**



5. In Luke 2:19 it says, “But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.” **What kinds of things do you think Mary was pondering after the birth of her son, Jesus?**
  
6. There are a number of sources that we turn to when we think about the birth of Jesus. This understanding is shared in this Peanuts cartoon. **What are some of the major points shared in Luke’s Gospel birth story?**
  
7. **Why do you think that did God decided to send His Son to earth at that particular time in history?**
  
8. **We often picture the birth of Jesus as a time of peace. What is your take on the timing of Jesus’ birth? Was it peaceful or a time of disorder?**
  
9. **What is one question you have about the birth of Jesus?**