LIFE OF CHRIST & LESSON #1, The Birth of Christ & LUKE 1:26-38; 2:1-20; MATT. 1:18-25 TO HELP US STUDY 1. Who was Jesus' mother? 2. What man raised Jesus as his son? 3. Where was Jesus before he was born? (John 1:1-2) 4. Who first told Mary that Jesus would be born? 5. In what town was Jesus born? ______ Why did Joseph and Mary have to go to this town? 6. Was Jesus born in a hospital? ____ Where was he born? ______ 7. How did the shepherds learn about Jesus birth? _____ 8. What did the shepherds do when they heard that the Christ has been born? _____ 9. Did the angels sing when you were born? _____ Did anyone come to worship you when you were a baby? ______ 10. What does this tell us about Jesus? ______

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Young ones—Luke 1:35, "The holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

Older ones-Luke 2:10-11

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

Read John 1:1-18 closely. Find three other New Testament scriptures that tell of Christ before his birth. According to John 1:18, why did Jesus come to earth? Write your answers on the back of this sheet.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

It is not enough for us to simply tell our children that Christ was born. The story itself is interesting, but we must bring out the truth contained in it—the truth of Christ's true identity—by impressing our children with the supernatural events surrounded our Lord's birth. How much we teach about the virgin birth will depend on the child's age, of course, but children of all ages can appreciate the intervention of the angels and the fact that men came to worship the baby Jesus.

Let's make the lesson practical. Having demonstrated that Christ came from God, then we can explain, "This is why we study about him. This is why we go to church to worship him." Thus we can lay a good foundation for the weeks of study to come.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Col 1:15-18; Phil 2:5-11; 1 Tim 3:16; 2 Cor 8:9; Eph 1:3-14; 1 Jn 1:1-5; Gal 4:4-5.