

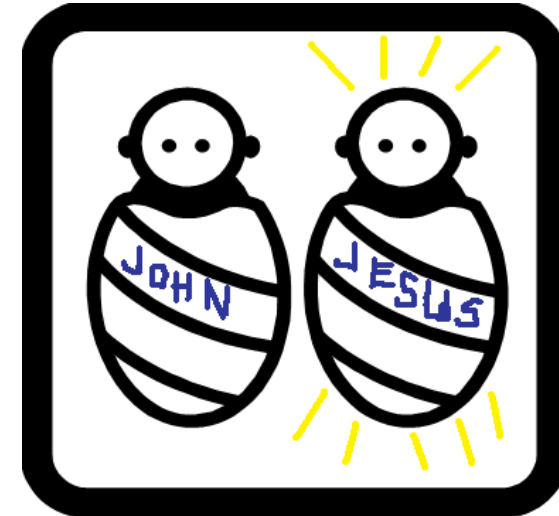
Application

10) Discuss what difference this passage makes to your understanding of Jesus.

11) If you are not a Christian are you prepared to keep coming to FOCUS to find out more about Jesus?

12) If you are a Christian are you seeking God and 'spreading the word concerning him' like the shepherds did? (Chap 2 v 17)

Luke Study 1



No ordinary baby...

Read Luke Chapter 1 v 5- 2 v 20

Table

As a group, use the butcher's paper and textas provided to draw up a table with the following headings:

	Angelic Appearance No 1	Angelic Appearance No 2	Angelic Appearance No 3
Who does the angel appear to?			
What does the angel say? (main point)			
How does the person who sees the angel respond?			
Does the angel's prediction come true? If yes, how?			

'Then an angel of the Lord appeared...'

1) What is an angel? Why do you think that God sends an angel to communicate with these people?

2) The angel Gabriel says to Mary that "nothing is impossible with God" (1 v 37). Which events in this passage seem impossible?

3) Why do these miraculous events happen?

'...you are to give him the name John'

4) Re-read Chapter 1 v 11-17 and 76 -79. John has clearly been born for a purpose. What is this purpose? Who is 'The Lord' that verse 76 refers to and what will he do?

'...you are to give him the name Jesus'

5) The angel Gabriel makes it clear that Jesus is also born for a purpose. What is this purpose? (Chap 1 v 31-33)

6) How does the angel's 'good news' in Chapter 2 v 10-11 add to our understanding of what Jesus' purpose is?

7) The name Jesus means 'The Lord is salvation' (see Matt 1 v 21). What is it that Jesus saves humanity from?

Discuss (in two groups)

8) Imagine you are one of 'the neighbours' (Chap 1 v. 65) who has seen the events surrounding John's birth and heard Zechariah's prophecy, what would you expect John's life to look like?

9) Imagine you are Mary, who has seen the events around Jesus' birth, what would you expect Jesus' life to look like? (see specifically Chap 1 v 51 – 55, 71 – 75)