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MAIN IDEA—Praising Jesus for who He is and what He's done brings glory to God in the highest.

Memory Verse [Luke 2:14]

1- SEEING GOD'S GLORY IN THE BIRTH OF CHRIST (Luke 2:1-5)—The birth of Christ reveals God's glory in human history. Caesar Augustus used the census to recruit soldiers for the Roman military and to tax people who registered. Yet unknown to Caesar he was being used by the King of Heaven to accomplish God's plan to bring the Savior into the world.

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***From Nazareth to Bethlehem (V1-5)—**This journey was a difficult trip that was over 70 miles through rough mountain terrain. This trip would be hard for any person, but this was especially tough for a pregnant woman (Mary) about to deliver her baby.

Micah 5:2

J.C. Ryle (1816-1900)—*A true Christian should never be greatly moved or disturbed by the conduct of the rulers of the earth. He should see with the eye of faith a hand overruling all that they do to the praise and glory of God. He should regard every King and potentate—an Augustus, a Cyrenaic, a Darius, a Cyrus, a Sennacherib—as a creature who, with all his power, can do nothing but what God allows, and nothing which is not carrying out God’s will. And when the rulers of this world “set*

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themselves against the Lord,” he should take comfort in the words of Solomon, “There is one higher than they (Eccl. 5:8).

**Prov. 21:1; Prov.
19:21**

***No Room at the Inn (V6-7)**—Christ was born in a manger (a feeding trough for animals) because there was no room at the inn. [

Is. 53:2; Jn. 1:11-12

2 - GIVING GOD GLORY BECAUSE OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST (Luke 2:8-14)—Rather than revealing the Messiah’s birth to kings and governments, God chose to reveal his birth to humble shepherds (**V8-10**). The Angel of the Lord declared to them that ‘*the Savior, Christ the Lord*’ would be born that day in Bethlehem (**V11**). The

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massive choir of angels gave glory to God as Jesus the Messiah humbly lay in manger on his way to redeem all who will look to him in faith.

Matt. 1:21

Heb. 11:6; John 3:16; Rom. 5:1-2

Wonder at Christ through meditation

(V18). This Christmas, take time to reflect on the Gospel and let your heart be in wonder and amazement at all Jesus is for us.

Treasure Christ through Prayer (V19). Treasure Christ by thinking about the infinite price Christ paid, the surpassing value of knowing Christ, & the glorious hope we have of eternity with Christ).

Praise Christ through Song (V20). Sing songs about Christ, talk about Jesus on Christmas Day, give gifts in His name, be a blessing to others, & enjoy God).