

Family Talk – The Life of Jesus

READ TOGETHER

[Luke 2:1–7](#)

1. In verse 7, Mary laid Jesus in a manger. A manger is like a feeding dish for cattle and horses. How does it make you feel that Jesus' first bed was a manger?
2. Why do you think God didn't have a room waiting on baby Jesus? Why would He want Jesus to be born in a manger?
3. How do you think Mary and Joseph felt about not having a room at the inn? Do you think they expected God to have a room setup for them? Why or why not?

LIVE IT

The story of Jesus being born in a manger is a confusing and yet beautiful story. Why didn't God provide a fancy or a comfortable room for His one and only son? Maybe because God's value system is very different from ours.

Jesus wasn't born into a wealthy or famous family, but a family with a simple life. Talk about the simple life God chose for Jesus. What would have been amazing about it? What would have made it more difficult?

Find some ways to simplify your family's life. Here are a few examples:

- Make a regular practice of giving things away.
- Buy things for usefulness rather than status or brand.
- Spend some time admiring God's creations.

LEAN ON GOD

Dear God,

Thank You for showing us that we don't need fancy things to make a meaningful impact. Thank You for the manger and Jesus' simple and yet awesome birth. Teach us to be content with You!

We love You.

Amen.

