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1. Jesus brought a different kind of kingdom. (Read Luke 2:1-7)

Jesus wasn't born where you'd expect to find a new king, I mean, his first bed was an animal's feeding trough! But where Jesus was born was all part of God's plan. Jesus came into the world to be a humble servant, not a rich king. This was confusing for the Jewish people. They were waiting for their Savior to come and rescue them. They imagined a messiah to be like a fierce warrior who would kill the bad guys. But Jesus was coming as a different kind of Savior. Not as a king or a warrior, but as a humble servant. He wasn't coming to kill the bad guys. He came to be killed by the bad guys in order to save the world. (Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6) (Isaiah 53:3-7)

2. Jesus brought good news. (Read Luke 2:8-12)

Think about the best news you got today? Was it a full stocking? A family member you got to see? A special gift you had hoped for? Jesus came to bring news that's better than any other. Jesus came to offer us new life! The Bible says we have this problem called sin that keeps us from having relationship with God. So, Jesus came into the world to fix the problem! He came to die for our sins so that we could have a new life in Him now and for forever. This is the Good News that is for all people who trust in His name! (Philippians 4:4, Psalm 5:11, John 3:16)

3. Jesus brought great joy. (Read Luke 2:13-20)

Think about how exciting the birth of Jesus was. Did you have angels singing when you were born? Probably not. The people knew something special had happened and they wanted to check it out. They traveled long distances to get there. And they brought presents to honor this special baby. When they arrived, they were overjoyed to be in the presence of Jesus. They knew He was special and that He would bring hope and healing to the world. And everyone that saw Him immediately found themselves rejoicing and glorifying God. That should be our response as well!

So, let us remember today, and every day, Jesus has come, the Savior of the World – let us adore Him and praise God for this glorious gift.

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