

A Bible Curriculum



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HOW TO USE THIS CURRICULUM

I'm so excited that you've chosen Rabbit Trails through the Bible to use in your homeschool! This curriculum is a Unit Study inspired, relaxed curriculum for elementary grades. What this means is that it's not designed to have lots of busy work. It's designed to provide quality literature to your children, Bible lessons, opportunities for copywork and hands on activities, and other means to learn about the Word of God.

Rabbit Trails through the Bible was created with homeschooling adventures in mind. Not only will we be covering different Bible stories, but Rabbit Trails will take you into studies in worship, hymns, and other Biblical topics as well, using books to lead the way. This curriculum is meant to be used on *your* child's level. It's not meant to have boxes checked off each day, but to do what works for your unique family. When it comes to copywork and writing, there are suggestions given, but take what you need and leave the rest. If your child isn't at the level of the suggestions, then create what works for them. Same thing if they're capable of beyond what is recommended. Make this curriculum your own!

Rabbit Trails through the Bible is a full Bible Curriculum consisting of 16 lessons that are designed to be used over 32 weeks. Each lesson includes a hymn study, worship song, hands on activities, book suggestions, copywork, a recommended video, and more ideas to dive even deeper into the lesson. Although verses are displayed in ESV inside of the lessons, we invite your family to use whatever translation of the Bible that you prefer.

I encourage you to enjoy reading as many of the books listed in this curriculum as you can! Quality literature is the framework of this curriculum. The main book was chosen because of its beautiful illustrations and Bible stories. However, don't become overwhelmed with purchasing these books if you don't have the means. Many can be found at libraries, on used book websites, etc. The books listed in the Rabbit Trails and Library Lists are just suggestions. Use what books you have on hand or find at your own library on the topic! If you do choose to buy all of the books, you can access them all in my shop. You can also access all of the links, YouTube videos, and more in the Resource Page in the back of this curriculum.

NOTEBOOK STYLE CURRICULUM

As you may have noticed, this curriculum does not include any kind of workbook for your children to work in. This was designed to all be done in a notebook. You may choose a standard, wide ruled notebook, or you can choose to use our pre-made [Companion Journals](#). Feel free to use whatever method works best for you and your child.

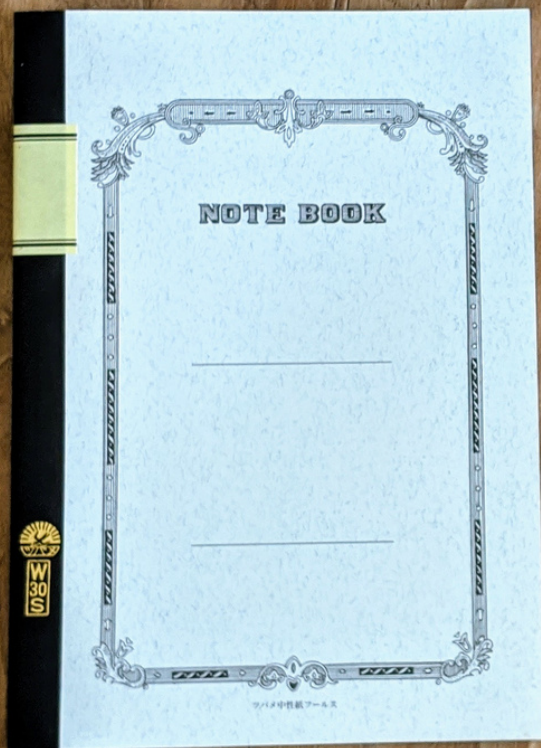
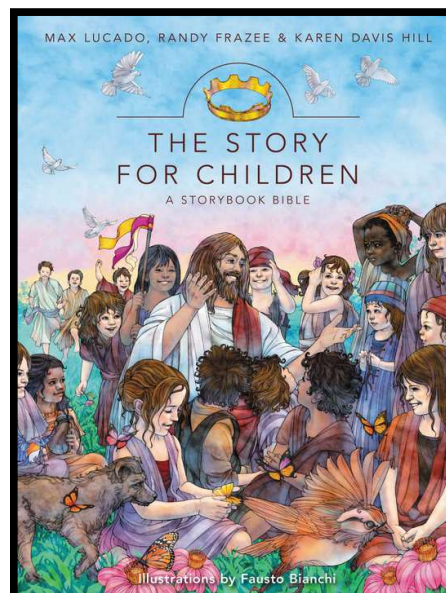


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MAIN BOOK



THE BIRTH
OF THE
MESSIAH



After 400 years of God's silence, it ended by the cries of a newborn child. This child was born from the Holy Spirit's miraculous work, none of which man could conceive. Mary carried to life the Messiah in Bethlehem in obedience to God. Joseph, her soon-to-be husband, was right at her side. They called him Emmanuel: "God is with us." Shepherds came to bow before the King that laid in the manger. Wise men came and brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And the angels sang praise at the Savior's arrival. The Messiah has come to take away the sins of the world.



And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. -Luke 2:10-11

A long time had passed between the pages of Malachi and Matthew. 400 years of divine silence between Old and New. Empires rose and empires fell. Men took power for themselves and created more rules and regulations to following God. Some fought for Jerusalem to free it, while others fought to dominate the city for capital gain. God's chosen people were now under Roman authority, and they cried for the Messiah to save them. What they didn't realize is God was about to send the Messiah, except He wasn't coming as they expected Him to. He would save them, but not just them. He came to save all of mankind. Read the Gospels about Jesus' conception and birth and discuss it with your family.



Read pages 180-191 in The Story for Children
Worship: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing | Christmas
Dance-Along for Kids | CJ & Friends
Hymn Study: Christ Is Born
Begin to create your "Bible Timeline" as we work through these lessons. Draw a picture of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus in Bethlehem.



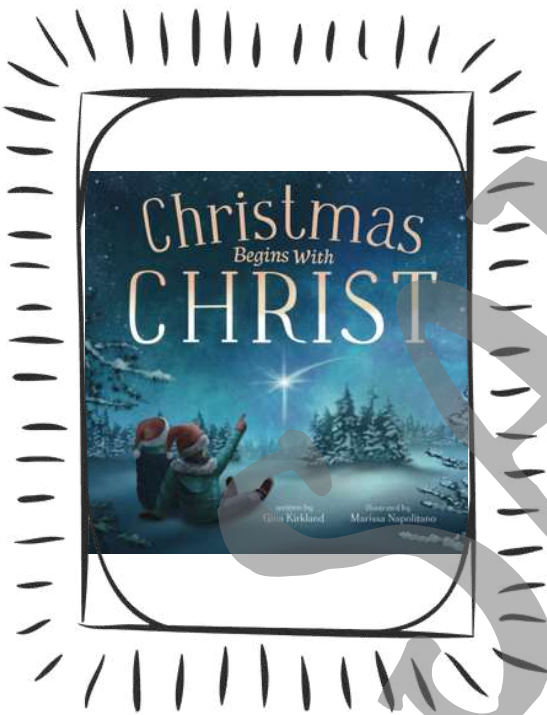
In most homes, you will find a nativity scene set up during Christmas that depicts the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. For some fun, we will be creating a similar sort of scene, but one that we can carry with us and even use as a way to witness the Gospel to others around us. This craft is known as Nativity Stones. You will need at least nine stones (or you can use small wooden disks, as well) and some paint. Each stone has a story to tell, but all these stories go together about the birth of our Messiah. You will need to create a stone for the following:

- A stone of Mary & Joseph
- A stone of baby Jesus
- A stone of the manager in Bethlehem
- A stone of the Star of David
- A stone of the angels
- A stone of the shepherd
- A stone of the wise men
- A stone of the wise men's gifts
- A stone of a sheep or livestock animals



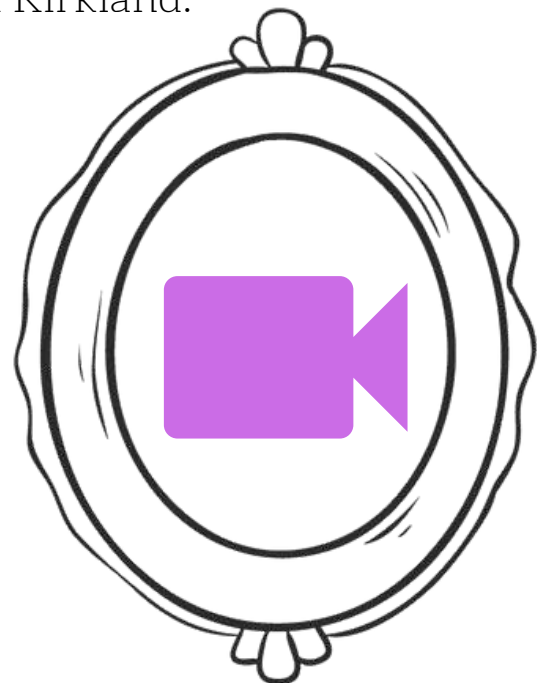


Read the story of Jesus' birth
and begin walking through
the Gospel in The Good
News of Christmas
by Rousseaux Brasseur.

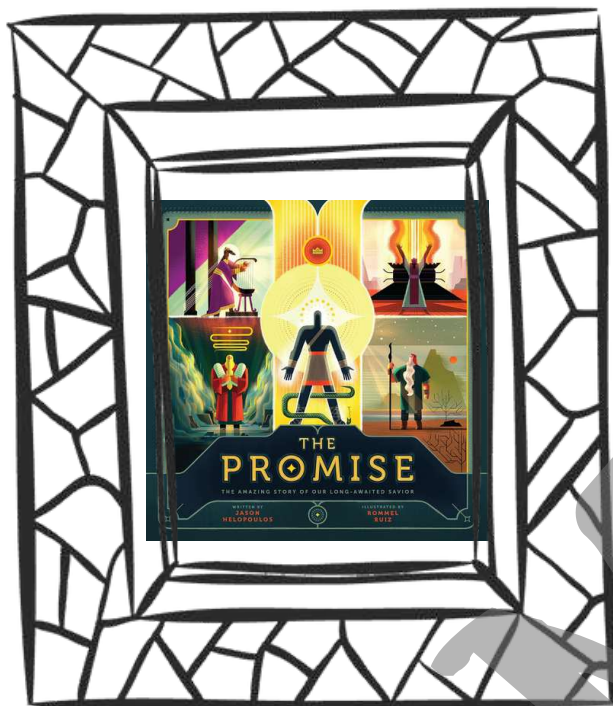


Let's learn a beautiful way to always point
Christmas to Jesus by reading Christmas begins
with Christ by Gina Kirkland.

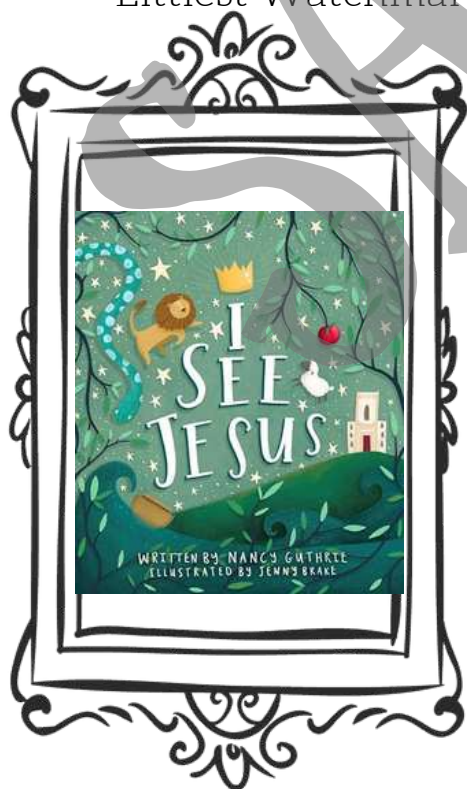
What happened in that 400 year
period of silence? Watch Come
Follow Me by Line Upon
Line on YouTube.



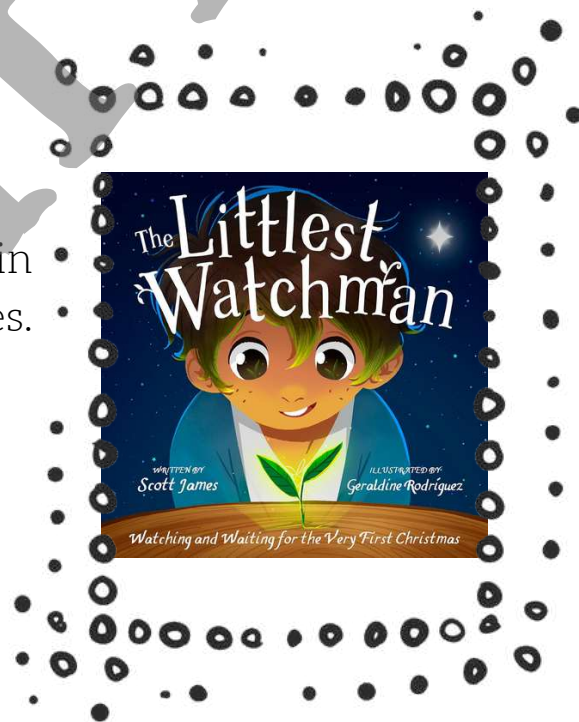
Did you know that Jesus was
a promise given to His people?
Read how in The Promise by
Jason Helopoulos.



Read about the promise of the Messiah in
Littlest Watchman by Scott James.



There may have been 400 years of
silence, but you can see Jesus through
the Old Testament. See all the ways by
reading I See Jesus by Nancy Guthrie.





- Can you name all 66 books of the Bible? As a family, create a fun way to help you memorize them all as you move through this study (Hint: Use stackable cups or a song). For older kids, you can break the books down into categories: Law, Major/Minor Prophets, Gospels, Epistles, etc. Awana also has songs on YouTube to help.
- Did you know that one of our favorite Christmas candies actually points to Jesus? Grab some candy canes and hot cocoa. Then listen to The Legend of the Candy Cane by Lori Walburg on YouTube.
- Read Psalm 2:7-9 as a family. You may use this as copywork as well.
- Make a birthday cake for Jesus! As you enjoy it, watch the movie The Star with family and friends.
- Joseph and Mary traveled from Jerusalem to Bethlehem while Mary was pregnant with Jesus. Research both of these biblical cities and how far apart they would have been to travel back then. Create your own map game of this route.
- Although most stories say there were three wise men, the Bible doesn't actually say that. However, what it does say is that there were three gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. As a family, research the significance of these gifts as they apply to Jesus.