

## Big Picture of the Bible New Testament Section Summary

<b>Chapter Number: 1</b>	<b>Chapter Name: Jesus' Birth and Early Ministry</b>
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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Bible Scriptures: Matthew 1:1–17; Luke 3:23–38; John 1:1–18</b>
<b>1.) Who were the people in this section?</b>	Jesus and His Genealogy/ Zechariah/Elizabeth/ John the Baptist The Angel Gabriel /Mary/ Joseph
<b>2.) What specific events took place in this section? (List a few major events.)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus' genealogy is told in Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38. John 1:1-18 explains that Jesus was with God in the beginning.</li> <li>• The angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah and announced that he and Elizabeth would soon have a son. Elizabeth conceived and gave birth to John the Baptist.</li> <li>• Gabriel appeared to the virgin Mary and told her she would soon conceive through the power of the Holy Spirit. Gabriel explained that her Child would be the long awaited Messiah, our Savior.</li> <li>• An angel appeared to Joseph and told him not to be afraid to marry Mary. Afterward, Joseph married Mary, but did not have relations with her until after she gave birth.</li> </ul>
<b>3.) When did the events in this section take place?</b>	In the Beginning (John's gospel tells us that Jesus was with God in the beginning. Jesus birth occurred in about 6 or 5 B.C.
<b>4.) Where did the events in this section take place?</b>	Jerusalem, Nazareth, and in the hill country of Judea
<b>5.) Why are these events in the Bible? Why did God want you to know about these events?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God wanted us to know that Jesus' genealogy and the events that took place before His birth fulfilled prophecies about the Messiah.</li> <li>• God wanted us to know that Jesus is both divine and human.</li> </ul>
<b>6.) Is Jesus or God's Plan of Redemption pictured in this section? If so, how? (Look for icon(s) of Jesus in your Big Picture study guide.)</b>	<p>Jesus is pictured through prophecies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isaiah 7:14—"The virgin will conceive... and call Him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us.')</li> <li>• Malachi 3:1—"I am sending a messenger to prepare the way... then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly appear in the Temple."</li> <li>• Isaiah 9:6—"For to us a child is born... will reign on David's throne."</li> </ul>

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<p><b>7.) Lessons Learned about God:</b></p> <p>a.) Did this lesson reveal anything about God? If so, what? What was God doing?</p> <p>b.) Did this lesson reveal anything about what pleases God? If so, what?</p> <p>c.) Did this lesson reveal anything about what displeases God? If so, what?</p>	<p>God is faithful to keep His promises. God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.</p> <p>God is pleased with our faith and obedience.</p> <p>God is not pleased with our lack of faith.</p>
<p><b>8.) Lessons Learned about People:</b></p> <p>Did this lesson reveal anything about people or people's character? If so, what?</p>	<p>We tend to be skeptical or lack faith about things we cannot understand.</p>
<p><b>9.) Personal Application:</b></p> <p>Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal how the scriptures in this lesson apply to you personally.</p> <p>Prayerfully meditate on the lessons learned and think about how they apply to you.</p>	<p>When God speaks, I should trust and obey Him.</p>
<p><b>10.) Thought for the Day:</b></p> <p>Identify a "thought for the day" and meditate on this thought throughout the day. (This can be a phrase based on scripture or verse(s) of scripture from this lesson.)</p>	<p>"My thoughts are completely different from yours," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine." (Isaiah 56:8 NLT)</p>