

Theme: Christmas

Title: ***“The Baby Came With Instructions”***

Reading: **Matthew 1.18-25 (p. 1026)** † Text: **Matthew 1.21 (p. 1026)**

The **Person** (Matthew 1.21a)

Children’s Message

The **Purpose** (Matthew 1.21b)

The **Problem** (Matthew 1.21c)

Prayer: *“God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You for salvation. And thank You for Your instructions. Let me follow them as I seek to follow You, so that others might know the name of Jesus – God saves – as well.”*

Weekly Nugget: The Greek name of Jesus (Greek, Iesous, in English letters) comes from a similar spelling of the Hebrew. In the Hebrew language, the English equivalent would be HSY. In the Hebrew, the letters are backwards from the English, so HSY would be YSH in English. The Hebrew also does not include vowels, so the name Yeshua or Yoshua (English Joshua) are both possible pronunciations for the name we know as Jesus. Additionally, the “J” was not created as a letter for centuries afterward.