



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 3: Proclaimed

Suggested Week of Use: December 20, 2020

Core Passage: Luke 2:4-19

News Story Summary

In early November, pharmaceutical companies Pfizer and BioNTech announced their coronavirus vaccines were 90% or more effective in clinical trials. A week later, Moderna reported similar results from its vaccine trials. In late November, Pfizer and Moderna applied for emergency approval from the FDA to distribute the vaccine. Citizens in the United Kingdom began receiving the vaccinations in early December. These announcements were welcome news to people who have been waiting for a way to treat coronavirus.

For more information, search online using the phrase “COVID-19 vaccine.”

Focus Attention

To supplement the Respond idea under Focus Attention, when discussing the sharing of good news (see second question in suggestion), supplement the discussion by pointing to the announcements made about the coronavirus vaccines. Ask: *Imagine being the person who was tasked with reporting the results of the trials for these vaccines. How hurriedly would you have submitted your report to authorities? Explain.* Complete the step as written, using the transition idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, begin by recalling the story of the coronavirus vaccine announcements. Explain that the potential good resulting from the vaccines made the sharing of the trial results important. Ask: *What in the news of Jesus’ birth makes sharing about Him important?* Call attention to the summary statements under Apply the Text as potential response to the question. Complete the step as written.