QUESTIONS

Remember this is a dialogue, not a quiz. The questions are a good start to draw out observations about the story, and the "answers" are just there to help you guide kids toward some key ideas.

- 1. What did we learn about Joseph? ... about Mary?
- 2. What was unique about Jesus' birth? Where was He born?
- 3. Why do you think it was important for Jesus to be born of a virgin mother?
- 4. Who was Jesus a descendant of? How might this be important?
 - David—He's the promised king.
 - Abraham—He's the promised one through whom all the nations would be blessed.
- 5. What can we learn from the shepherds and how they responded to the angel?
- 6. What else did your hear in this story that reminds you of what the prophets said about the promised Messiah?
 - See the end of the previous story for a list of prophecies.
- 7. What does the name "Jesus" mean?
 - The Lord is salvation.
 - Another name given to Jesus was Emmanuel, which means "God with us"!

8. We have all probably heard this story before as part of the "Christmas story." What jumps out at you as new or different?