

## Breaking the Silence

<b>The Story of Redemption</b>	[walking through the story]	<b>Going Deeper—Living it Out</b>	What were the Jews waiting for? How did they go about waiting?
	<b>Living in the Silence</b>		
	Persia to Rome		Describe the positive affects of the Greek and Roman empires on Jewish life at the time of Christ.
	Revolt		
	Rome		Describe the Jewish groups that emerged during this time of silence.
	<b>Hope for a Kingdom</b>		
	The present age . . .		What is the meaning of the word <i>gospel</i> ?
	. . . The age to come		
	Pharisees		Who was the Messiah's forerunner? What was he sent to do?
	Essenes		Why does the Bible stress the virginity of Mary at the time of Jesus' conception?
Sadducees	Explain the significance of the name <i>Immanuel</i> .		
Zealots	What is "the providence of God?" How was it displayed at the birth of Jesus Christ?		

<b>The Story of Redemption</b>	<b>The silence is broken</b>	<b>Going Deeper—Living it Out</b>	What was the message of John the Baptist?
	Angelic announcements Luke 1.14-17		
	Luke 1.26-38		Describe the purpose of John's baptism. Did it cleanse the sinner?
	Matthew 1.18-25		
	Luke 2.8-15		Define repentance.
	Humble Arrival Luke 2.1-7		Why did John call Jesus the Lamb of God? What are the implications?
	Divine Affirmation Matthew 3.1-6		
	John 1.29-30, 34		How is Jesus Christ different from any other human being?
	Matthew 3.16-17		Explain the phrase, "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Does this phrase stir anything within you? Explain.
	[putting it together]		
Our place in the story			
[big questions]			
What happens when the story isn't going the way you want it to?			
What will it take for you to move from fear to trust?			
What will it look like for you to live the Story?			
	<b>MEMORIZE THIS!</b> <b>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.</b> John 1.14 NIV		