Name Date

**Part 1 BEFORE you analyze Matthew 2 and Luke 2**

Write down your understanding of the Nativity Scene.

1. What people / characters are involved.

2. Where does it take place.

3. When does it take place.

**Part 2 Read and study the scripture passages related to the Nativity Scene.**

Write down the facts of the Nativity Scene as recorded in Matthew 2 and Luke 2.

1. What people / characters are involved.

2. Where does it take place.

3. When does it take place.

**Part 3 Create a time line of the Nativity as recorded in Matthew 2 and Luke 2.**

1. What year was the Lord Jesus actually born? (Explain)

2. Do the two passages align in terms of timing? (e.g., when did Joseph take Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape Herod’s death threat?

**Part 4 Read and study the scripture passages related to the Nativity Scene.**

Conclusions

1. List any discrepancies you discovered between your understanding of the Nativity Scene and the facts as recorded in Matthew 2 and Luke 2?

2. Why do you suppose that the Nativity Scene is presented as it is when the facts do not necessarily agree?

3. Do you think it is possible that you have misunderstood other passages of the Bible? If so, give another example.