

JESUS IS GOD'S SON
Unit I – Jesus Is Born

Lesson 1
December 2, 2018

ANGELS TELL OF HIS BIRTH

Bible Foundation:

The announcement to Mary and Joseph.
Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 1:26-38.

Bible Truth:

Jesus' birth brings us joy and peace.

Memory Verse:

Thou . . . shalt call his name
JESUS (Luke 1:31).

Lesson Objective:

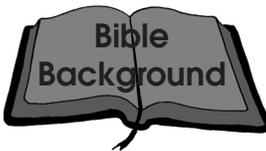
By the end of this lesson my pupils will be able to feel the joy of Jesus' birth.

Alternative Objective:

By the end of this lesson my pupils will be able to tell how an angel announced Jesus' birth.

Gather Your Materials

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Figures 1 (angel), 2 (Mary), and 3 (Joseph sleeping). | <input type="checkbox"/> Crayons. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workbook pages 3-6. | <input type="checkbox"/> Stapler. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pictures from Teacher's Packet for "The Friendly Beasts." | <input type="checkbox"/> Cloth, twigs, cotton, angel's hair. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby announcement. | <input type="checkbox"/> Felt-tipped pens. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glue. | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction paper. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Ribbon and rickrack. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> "Diamond dust" glitter |



In today's lesson, we will be considering the announcements to Mary and Joseph of the birth of Christ. These announcements were very important and necessary to both Mary and Joseph. Both of these righteous people needed to be prepared for what was about to happen. Mary's condition would have been distressing and confusing if God had not sent His messengers to bring the wonderful news that the Savior of the world would be born into their home.

Joseph and Mary accepted the announcement willingly. How wonderful it is to yield to God's plan!

Approach Time

Bring a baby announcement, or use the one from page 5 in the student workbooks. Color the announcement before class with bright colors. You should discuss with your children how mothers sometimes send cards like these to tell other people



about their new baby. Jesus had a very different announcement from what most babies have. An angel came.

WORSHIP TIME

Let's Sing

"Christ Was Born in Bethlehem" (v. 4)

"Away in a Manger"

"The Friendly Beasts" (p. T-4). Use pictures provided in the Teacher's Packet.

"Baby Jesus"



Let's Give

You may want to use a special offering container for this unit. Think about a cardboard manger, soap bottle angel, or gaily decorated gift box.

Let's Pray

Dear Jesus, thank you for the joy we feel about your birth. It is wonderful that you came to earth as a tiny baby so long ago. Amen.

BIBLE STORY TIME

You will need flannelgraph figures 1 (angel), 2 (Mary), and 3 (Joseph sleeping).

Gabriel was a very special angel who had a very important job. Today his job was to fly down from heaven and go to see a very nice and sweet lady named Mary. He had something wonderful to tell her. God was going to do something very special, and Mary was going to be God's helper.

"I wonder what Mary will say," said Gabriel as he hurried to Mary's house. "Will she be happy?" he wondered. "I hope so."

When Gabriel got to Mary's house, he found Mary at home.

"Hello, Mary!" smiled Gabriel. "God is with you. You are special to God."

Mary was so surprised. An angel had come to see her! She was afraid, and she wondered what he was going to do.

Gabriel smiled. "Don't be afraid, Mary," he said. "God loves you very much. God wants you to do something for Him. You are going to be the mother of a little baby. You must call Him Jesus. He will be God's Son. Someday He will be a king."

"How will this happen?" asked Mary.

"God will make it happen," said Gabriel. "When the baby comes, He will be God's Son."

"All right," said Mary. "I will be the mother of Jesus if that is what God wants me to do."

Gabriel left Mary. Mary felt happy because God wanted her to be Jesus' mother.

Joseph lay in his bed one night. He had been thinking about Mary and about their wedding for which they had been getting ready. Then he went to sleep and had a dream. He saw an angel.

“Joseph,” said the angel, “God is going to give Mary and you a little baby boy to take care of after your wedding.”

“A baby boy?” thought Joseph.

“This is a special baby boy,” said the angel. “His name will be Jesus, and He will save people from their sins!” Then the angel went away.

Joseph sat up.

“I am so happy,” he said. “God is going to let me take care of His own Son!”

Joseph and Mary were very happy. They were glad because they would get to take care of Jesus.

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When Jesus came, it made Joseph and Mary very happy. We are happy, too, because Jesus came to our earth to live. He came to forgive us for our sins so we can go to heaven to live with Him someday. Aren't we glad that Jesus loved us that much?

Questions

1. What was the name of the angel who came to see Mary? (Gabriel.)
2. What did Gabriel say God wanted Mary to do? (Be Jesus' mother.)
3. Who did Joseph see in his dream? (An angel.)
4. What did the angel tell Joseph? (He would take care of Baby Jesus.)
5. Were Joseph and Mary glad to be the mother and daddy of Jesus? (Yes.)

ACTIVITIES

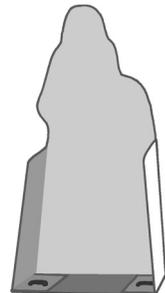
Bible Learning Time

N-K Activity — Workbook

Follow the instructions to complete the activities on workbook pages 3 and 4.

N-K Activity — Angel and Mary and Joseph

This is a continued activity for this unit on Jesus' birth. Each Sunday your pupils can add another figure until they will have a nativity scene. You may wish to add a stable yourself at the close of the unit for each child. You will need the stand-up figures of the angel and of Mary and Joseph from page 5 of the student workbooks. Glue the figures to cardboard to make them sturdier. Provide pieces of cloth, twigs, cotton, "angel's



hair," and glue. You may wish to cut the cloth to the right size for robes before class time. Let the children stick a twig into Joseph's hand for a staff. Allow the children to add cotton or other things to their figures. Fold the figures on the dotted lines, and staple the bottom together as shown.

Bible Application Time

N-K Activity — Announcement

You will need the baby announcements from page 5 in the student workbooks. Let your children add some color with felt-tipped pens (not permanent ink). Read the announcement to them, giving a simple review of Jesus' real birth announcement. Tell them that this card will help remind them how to tell about the angel's visit to Mary and Joseph.



N-K Activity — Invitations

You will use the invitation card inserts from page 5 in the student workbooks. Trace the bell shapes (pattern on p. T-6) onto construction paper before class, placing the top of the bell on a fold. Let more advanced pupils cut out their own bells. Have bells already cut out for other pupils. Staple or glue the invitation inserts inside the bells. Provide small bows and lengths of rickrack for the children to arrange and glue on the outside of the bells. Be sure to tell the children to ask their parents to help them think of a friend to whom they can give the invitation.

CLOSING

Sing a favorite Christmas song together.