



# Life of Christ

## An Angel visits Mary and Joseph **Luke 1:26-38** and **Matt. 1:18-24**

Younger Verse

I am the Lord's servant. Luke 1:38

Older Verse

I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said. Luke 1:38

Advent

What candle did we light last week? (Promise candle) What did God promise? (Jesus) Today we are lighting the Bethlehem candle. Bethlehem was the town where Jesus was born.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

A young woman named Mary loved God very much. Mary liked to do the things that God wanted her to do.

One day Mary was alone. She looked up. She saw an angel. The angel had come from God. The angel said, "Mary, God loves you and wants to do something special for you."

The angel said to Mary, "Don't be afraid, Mary. You love God. God has chosen you to be the mother of a baby boy. You will name Him Jesus. He will be God's Son."

"Has God chosen me to be the mother of His Son?" Mary asked the angel.

"Yes," said the angel. "God wants you to be Jesus' mother."

Mary was so happy. She obeyed God and now a special miracle was going to happen. She was going to be the mother of Jesus.

Mary quickly told her fiancée, Joseph, the news. Joseph didn't know what to think. Joseph was very upset because he did not understand.

That night an angel appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus because He will save His people from their

Lesson Goals

**See that God had a special plan**  
**Understand how much God loved us--He sent his Son**  
**See how important it is to obey God**



sins.”

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. Joseph obeyed God and so did Mary. They didn't worry about what people thought. Instead, they did what God said—and a beautiful miracle happened—it changed the world!

God did a miracle. He sent His Son to live with us! Jesus understands all the things we deal with. See how much He loves us! Lots of people may do nice things for us—but Jesus died for us—nobody else would do that! We have a choice to believe in Jesus and trust Him with our lives. It's your decision. God gave us the best gift of all at Christmas—Jesus. What gift will you give Him?

#### **Learning Activities**

There are lots of craft ideas and fun activities for the children. Choose one or two that will interest the kids. Make a checklist to be sure that you have all the supplies.

#### **Memory Verse Activities**

Make a chain link out of paper and write each word on a link. Tape or staple the links together to remember the verse. Talk about what it means to serve God like Mary and Joseph did.

#### **Prayer Time**

Pray and ask God to help us remember the importance of giving-not receiving this Christmas season.

#### **Snack Time/CleanUp**

Bring some “angel food” cake today, if possible. Talk about the lesson as you are snacking on the delights. Ask them questions about their lives—see where they need help and attention.

Planning for December 15th  
Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem  
Luke 2:1-5  
Advent: Shepherd's Candle

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Preschool Lesson  
for  
An angel talks to Mary

Have an angel puppet with you. The angel will tell the story today.

Hi! I'm Gabriel, an angel. One very special day God gave me an important job. I was supposed to tell Mary some news that was amazing. I couldn't wait! I was so excited.

I waited until Mary was alone and no one was around. Suddenly, I surprised her. I told her that I had good news to tell her. I told her that God loved her very much and He wanted her to do something very special for Him.

Next, I told her the news! She was chosen to be the mother of a baby boy. This baby was not an ordinary child. It would be JESUS!

When Mary heard this, she was a little scared and excited. She told me that she would obey God and help bring the special baby into the world.

After that, she sang a beautiful song to God. It was her way of thanking God for letting her be part of something special.

The next night I appeared to Joseph in a dream. He was upset about the news and did not know what to believe. I shared with him news of baby Jesus and told him it was all true! The baby would be God's Son.

I also told Joseph that another name of Jesus would be Immanuel which means that "God is with us."

Joseph obeyed God and took care of Mary and baby Jesus. They both listened and obeyed God. They did not worry about anything. He knew that God would take care of them.

God did a miracle when Jesus was born! That's why we celebrate Christmas!

Sing some Christmas songs and pray—thanking God for Jesus.

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Hands-on Ideas  
for  
An angel talks to Mary

Make the “Kisses from God” cookies. Jesus is God’s gift of love to us!

Create different angel paper crafts.

Don’t forget advent today. Let the children get involved in the celebration. Remind them of the Promise candle and Bethlehem candle.

The angel brought good news to Mary and Joseph. How can we bring good news to others? Let the kids think of some ways to share good news to others.

Mary and Joseph obeyed God and had courage even though it would be hard. They were willing to do what God said—have a baby. God wants us to obey Him also. He wants us to come to Him and trust Him with our lives. Have you done that?