

Sunday Teacher's Lesson for children



Life of Christ

The Promise of Jesus **Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1; 53:1-12** and **Micah 5:2**

Younger Verse

Jesus said, "I am the ... life." John 11:25

Older Verse

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." John 11:25

Advent

This week we celebrate the first candle of Advent. Advent helps us get excited about something special that will happen soon—celebrating Jesus' birth! Today, we remember how God kept His promise to send His Son.

Welcome Time

What if someone told you something that was going to happen in the future? Then, years later, it really happened! It would be amazing. God told His people that He would send them a King. Let's see if God kept His promise.

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.*

Years and years before Jesus was born, God promised His people that He would send them someone to rescue them.

The Bible tells us in Isaiah 11:1 that Jesus' ancestors were from King David's family. In Matthew 1:6 and Luke 3:31, the Bible shows that what was written in Isaiah is true! Jesus' great grandfather was David!

In Micah 5:2, God tells His people that Jesus would be born and where. God's promise did come true. Jesus was born in a small town called Bethlehem just like Micah 5:2 says! And He used a feed box called a manger for his crib.

In Isaiah 7:14, the Bible even tells us one of Jesus' names. His name would be "Immanuel." This means that God would rescue His people. In Matthew 1:23, an angel tells Joseph that God's son would be called "Immanuel." God kept His promise!

The book of Isaiah has many places where God gave us promises about Jesus. Did you know that this book was written over 400 years BEFORE Jesus was born! Only God could keep a promise like that!

Lesson Goals

Tell what God's promise was
Explain what Jesus did for us
Invite Jesus into our hearts



God kept another promise too. He promised that He would rescue us.

Can you picture a drowning person in a pool? The person that rescues the drowning person saves them from death.

God did something similar for us. He rescued us from death. Because of all the bad things we have all done, we deserve punishment. God loves us so much that He wanted to rescue us from our punishment. Can you believe that God would take our punishment for us? That is what Jesus did! Jesus died on a cross for all the wrong things we have done. The best news is that Jesus came back to life. God kept His promise again!

We must believe God's promise and trust Jesus. We must tell God we are sorry for the wrong things we do. Then we pray and ask Jesus to come into our hearts. Jesus comes into our lives and changes them. It's like we are brand new. We don't want to do bad things anymore; we want to help others. We want to pray and read our Bibles to know God better. We want to tell others about Jesus and come to church. We want to live for God and obey Him.

Wow! What a difference God can make. We can trust Him. He keeps His promises. Have you trusted God? Would you like to ask Jesus into your heart? Talk to me about it.

Learning Activities

Make some fun activities/crafts for Christmas. Ask them to hang them up during the holidays.

Memory Verse Activities

Share how a caterpillar changes into a beautiful butterfly. Share how Jesus gives us new life like the change in a caterpillar. Talk about some of the big words in the verse and what they mean, also.

Prayer Time

Pray that this season will focus on Jesus. Plan something special for Sunday December 21st and/or Christmas with your kids!

Snack Time/CleanUp

Try to wait until the end to let the kids snack on sugary treats—it will help you maintain control much easier.

Planning for
An Angel tells Mary Good news
Luke 1:26-38
2nd Advent—The Bethlehem Candle



Preschool Lesson for God promises us Jesus

Do you know what a promise is? A promise is when someone tells you they will do something or give something to you. Sometimes people do not keep their promises. Today we are reading about God's promise. God ALWAYS keeps His promises. Let's see what God promised us.

Years and years before Jesus was born, God promised His people that He would send them someone to help them. Let's see just what God said in the Bible.

In Isaiah, God is telling the people that His Son will come. We know that God kept His promise. Jesus was born! We can read about it in Luke 2. (Turn to the chapter so they can see where it is in the Bible.) We can always trust God because He always does what He promises.

Again in Micah 5:2, God gives another promise. God tells His people that Jesus would be born and even tells the people what town. God's promise does come true. Jesus is born in a small town called Bethlehem just like Micah 5:2 says! It took a long time for the promise to come true, but it did! We can know that God will always do what He says!

God gave us another promise, too. He told us that if we believe in Jesus, we will go to Heaven and be with Him one day. God will keep His promise, if you believe in Jesus.

Sing several Christmas songs. (Try to teach them some new ones that talk about Jesus being born.)

(There is also another song on the last page.)



Hands-on Activities for God promises us Jesus

Wrap a box with gift paper. (Put some little snacks or surprises in it.) Share that Christmastime is filled with unspoken promises. We almost expect to receive a gift on Christmas day. Ask the kids what the best part of getting a present is? They will probably say “opening it!” That’s the best part of a promise too—when you get what was promised!

Make some promise cookies. The recipe is included in the packet. (The kids have to wait until the next day to see if you kept your promise that the batter turns into cookies to eat!)

God kept His promise to us. How can we keep a promise this week. Make “I Promise” cards to remind us to keep a promise this week.

There are lots of fun crafts and activities to do with the kids during this festive season. Take time to share and spend time with your special “kids.” Projects are fun ways to work together and learn more about Jesus!



Preschool Song

The Light of the World is Jesus
(to the tune of “We wish you a Merry Christmas”)

The light of the world is Jesus
The light of the world is Jesus
The light of the world is Jesus
He lights up my life.

God gave us a special promise
God gave us a special promise
God gave us a special promise
He promised His Son.

God kept his special promise
God kept his special promise
God kept his special promise
Jesus was born!

The light of the world is Jesus
The light of the world is Jesus
The light of the world is Jesus
He lights up my life.

(From *Bible Pathways for Kids* Issue 1)