

Sunday Teacher's Lesson for children



Life of Christ

An Angel visits Mary

Luke 1:26-38

Younger Verse

We can depend on God to forgive us. 1st John 1:9

Older Verse

If we tell Him our sins, He is faithful and we can depend on Him to forgive us of our sins. He will make our lives clean from all sin. 1st John 1:9 NLV

Advent

What candle did we light last week? (Promise candle) What did God promise? (Jesus) Today we are lighting the Bethlehem candle. God promised us that Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem and He was!

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. She also had to have courage and faith. Many people probably questioned Mary and her pregnancy. This pregnancy was not something Mary or Joseph decided was good. It was what God wanted. In fact, because Mary and Joseph were not married, Mary could have been put in jail or killed for

Lesson Goals

**Understand that Mary is Jesus' mother
Remember that Christmas is Jesus' birthday
Know that Jesus is the only way to Heaven**



being pregnant. Her faith in God helped her through hard times. She knew that God had a special mission for her and He would help her complete it.

Just like God chose Mary for something special, He has also chosen you for something special. God loves you. In fact He loves you so much that He gave us a special gift, Jesus, His Son. Jesus died on a cross and came back to life to help us get to Heaven. If we believe in Him and ask Him to come into our life, one day we will go to Heaven and be with Him forever. If you would like to know how to ask Jesus to come into your life, please talk to me.

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. Another idea is to tape the verse on a background of a map to emphasize that God is with you wherever you go.

Prayer Time

Ask God for courage this week like Mary had. Ask Him to help us not be afraid or discouraged but to trust in Him.

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.



Lots of us have holiday traditions that we share with our family. Think of a holiday tradition that you can do with “your” kids—it may be baking cookies, singing carols, looking at Christmas lights, performing a play for the parents, etc. Traditions help children feel part of your family, your church. It gives them stability, and a sense of belonging. What a beautiful way to shower them with Jesus’ love!

Planning for Dec. 12th
Elizabeth
Luke 1:39-66

Preschool Lesson
for
An angel talks to Mary

Tell the story from Mary's perspective today!

Hi! My name is Mary. I want to tell you what happened to me one very special day.

I was all alone and suddenly I heard someone calling my name. I looked up and saw an angel. He was shining so bright. He was beautiful, but I was a little afraid.

His name was Gabriel. He told me not to worry and he even knew my name. He told me that God had a special plan for me.

I listened and wondered what he meant. He told me that soon, I would have a baby boy. It would be God's Son. The angel even told me His name, Jesus.

He told me exciting news that the baby would be great and do mighty things.

I was not sure how all this was supposed to happen. The angel told me not to worry.

Then, the angel told me more exciting news. My older relative, Elizabeth, was going to have a baby too!

After hearing all this wonderful news, I told the angel that I would do anything that God wanted me to do.

I was so happy that I packed my bags and went to stay with Elizabeth to share my good news!

God loves all of us and cares for us. Let's thank God for sending us Jesus.



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.

Choose someone to be “Angel for a Day.” Be careful with this activity. It could hurt some children’s feelings (if they are not selected.)

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

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

Mary obeyed God and had courage even though it would be hard. She was 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?

Look in the December packet for ideas for Crafts and Snacks.