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Series: Jesus, Our Savior, Came to Earth
Winter Year 1, Lesson 28

Angel Gabriel Appears to Mary

Take Home Point: *JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR....
Jesus' birthday is coming.

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (CAPS). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Bible Event: Luke 1:26-38

We will help children know:

- The story of the angel appearing to Mary.
- Jesus is our Savior.
- We wait for Jesus' birthday.




We will help the children feel:

- Anticipation for Jesus' birthday.
- Eagerness to share Jesus' birthday with others.
- Joy that Jesus already came.

We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event and listen to costumed character Mary.
- Craft: decorate a Good News Angel.
- Snack: Eat a special snack that they have to wait for.
- Game: Play the Waiting Game.
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR...Jesus' birthday is coming.
- Sing and Pray.

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Large Group Opening 	3 4	Puppet Presentation Bible Event	<i>Puppet Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy puppet with a toy catalog or flyer Bible <i>Bible Event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> woman dressed in Mary costume video option: <i>The Story of the Nativity: Beginner's Bible</i>. Sony Music and Time Life Video, 1995—order from www.amazon.com. Start where Mary is picking fruit and humming and end where she says, "Whatever God wants, I will do." 1 minute; TV and VCR
Small Group Application 	6 7 7 8	Activity 1: Craft Activity 2: Snack Activity 3: Game Prayer Time	<i>Activity 1: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix A, one copy per child markers glue glitter Optional: colored dot and bow for each child to make program invitation <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> napkins, cups, water or juice holiday cookie in a gift bag or box <i>Activity 3: Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sack pen strips of paper piece of candy for each child rhythm instrument or music tape and player chair for each child (or "X" in a circle on floor with masking tape)
Large Group Wrap-up 	10 10	Singing (Optional) Lesson Review with Puppet Skit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> your choice of music Albie puppet Example of craft Example of snack

Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

Purpose: *When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.*

Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



Purpose: *The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.*

Puppet Presentation

Supplies: *Judy puppet holding a toy catalog; presenter holds a Bible*

Presenter: Boys and girls, let's call Judy. (Children call "Judy".)

Judy: Hi everyone. Wow! Did you see all these toys? (Talking fast) I want the baby doll, the walking kitty, the tea party set, the pink stuffed hamster, the puzzle set, the flower purse, the ant farm, the toy piano, the plastic high heeled shoes, the sparkly hula hoop and Bubba would like this fire truck.... (Presenter interrupts)

Presenter: Judy, stop!

Judy: I can't help it. I can't wait to get more toys. I wish Christmas would hurry up and get here. Christmas is the best!

Presenter: Judy, Christmas is not about getting presents.

Judy: Are you sure?

Presenter: I am sure. Christmas is about someone's birthday.

Judy: Oh, I love birthdays too. Whose birthday is it on Christmas, Santa Clause?

Presenter: No, Judy. Christmas is about Jesus. Christmas is Jesus' birthday.

Judy: Really? I better tell my brother Bubba so he knows too.

Presenter: Today we are going to learn how Jesus' mother, Mary, heard that Jesus was coming. An angel told her she would be the mother of the savior of the world. Would you like to learn more about this Bible event?

Judy: Yes.

Presenter: First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Judy: OK

Presenter: *JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR... now you say, “*Jesus' birthday is coming.*”

Judy: Jesus' birthday is coming.

Presenter: Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Judy: Sure.

Presenter: Ok everybody, *JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR...

Judy: (and everyone): *Jesus' birthday is coming.*

Presenter: Wonderful. Say “goodbye” Judy:

Judy: Bye everyone!

Bible Event: A Visit from a Dramatized Character

A costumed adult presents the Bible event by telling it from a first person point of view.

Supplies: *Bible; costumed female character; video option: The Story of the Nativity:*

Beginner's Bible. Sony Music and Time Life Video, 1995. Start where Mary is picking fruit and humming and end where she says, “Whatever God wants, I will do.” 1 minute; TV and VCR

Presenter, introduce the story by saying:

Today we are going to learn the Bible event of how Jesus' mother, Mary, learned she was going to have a baby. Jesus would grow up to be our Savior. It's written here in the Bible *(skip the next phrase if you are not going to watch video), but today let's watch it on video.*

Show the video, starting with Mary singing while working in the garden. End after Mary says, “I must thank my father... (This clip is approximately two minutes.)

Presenter: Now put on your imagination hats and pretend the lady coming out is Mary, the mother of Jesus.

A Visit from Mary

An actress enters dressed as Mary.

Mary: I want to tell you what happened to me the other day. It started out as a normal day. I woke up with the sun (stretch and yawn,) brought in the water (pretend to hold a large jug), and ate my breakfast (make eating motions). After that, I decided to work in my garden. Digging motions.

As I sat there working and singing to myself, suddenly, a figure was standing there. He was large (raise hands high in the air) and he was dressed all in white (make sweeping motion with hands down body). It was an angel!

I was so frightened. Look frightened and shiver. What did he want with me? Was he going to hurt me?

He told me that God is with me and not to be afraid. He told me the most amazing news. He said I (point to self) am going to have a baby (make rocking motion with arms) and that I should name the baby Jesus.

That sure surprised me! Even more surprising, he said the baby is going to be our Savior. That means he will take away the sins of the whole world! Open arms wide. He said the baby is God's Son and will some day sit on God's throne as King. Imagine! My (point to self) baby, a King! Why would God choose me? (shrug shoulders) I'm just an ordinary girl.

I told the angel that I am God's servant and will do what God says. Then, the angel disappeared. Extend arms in front of body, palms up. Ever since the angel appeared, I have been so excited. I can't wait. I am going to have a baby. I am going to have Baby Jesus! The Savior is coming! (Mary walks off stage.)

Presenter: Boys and girls, that is really good news. Mary is going to have baby Jesus. Now let's practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. *JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR...*Jesus' birthday is coming.*

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

**Dear God,
We love you.
Jesus is our Savior.
Jesus' birthday is coming.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *London Bridge*)
Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

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HIS birth-DAY'S com-ING.**

Small Group Application (30 minutes)



Purpose: Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

Activity 1: Craft: Good News Angel

Supplies: Copies of Appendix A, one per child; glue, glitter; markers

Option: Copies of Appendix B, Christmas Program Invitation; sticker dot; bow

Give each child an angel. **Boys and girls, today we are going to decorate a Good News Angel. First you can color it. When you are finished, we will put glue on the angel and sprinkle it with glitter.**

Option: Christmas Program Invitation

Cut appendix B only on dotted line at bottom of picture. Fill in information. Fold flaps as indicated, close with a dot and put bow on outside. Tell children to give it to someone to invite them to your church.

Review the Bible Event.

What was the good news the angel told Mary? *(She would be the mother of Jesus, our Savior.)*

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Activity 2: Snack: Special Snack

Supplies: holiday cookies or candy hidden in a pretty tin or a gift bag; napkins, cups, water or juice.

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Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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Jesus' birthday is coming.
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In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Boys and girls, today we are going to do things a little differently. When the angel told Mary she was going to have baby Jesus, did it happen right away? No, she had to wait for her special baby to come. Today we are going to wait for our special snack.

Review the Bible event.

How did Mary feel when the angel told her she would be the mother of Jesus?
(surprised, happy, excited)

Let's practice the take home point. ***JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR...Jesus' birthday is coming.**

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Now that we have waited, let's eat our special snack. Pass out napkins, water and cookies. **Remember, sometimes we have to wait for special things.**

Activity 3: Game: Waiting Game

Supplies: sack, one piece of candy per child; strips of paper; pen; in a circle, a chair for each child (or an "X" on floor with masking tape, one for each child); rhythm instrument (bells, tambourine, sticks, etc.) or a music CD or tape and player

Before class, write the names of children in your class, one on each piece of paper. Put in sack.

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Boys and girls, today we are going to play a waiting game. Remember how Mary had to wait for her special baby? Today you are going to wait for a special treat. I am going to start the music and you will walk around the chairs until the music stops. Everyone will sit down. Then I will take a piece of paper from the bag and read the name of the child. If it is your name, you will get a piece of candy. But here is the waiting part---you can not eat it until everyone has their piece of candy. OK, let's go. Start the music. Continue until every child's name is drawn from bag.

Now here is what everyone was waiting for...eat your candy! Was it hard waiting to eat your candy? Just think how hard it was for Mary to wait months and months for her special baby Jesus to come.

Review the Bible event.

How does it make you feel that Jesus' birthday is coming? (happy, excited, etc.)

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Prayer Time:

What can you do to get ready for Jesus' birthday? (pray, thank God for Jesus, tell others about Jesus' birthday, etc.)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



Purpose: *The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.*

Singing: (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

Supplies: *Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.*

Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

Presenter: We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming. (If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

Presenter: Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It is a sparkly angel. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR...**

Kids say:

...Jesus' birthday is coming!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR...**

Albie says:

My friend told me you snore.



Presenter: Albie, look at the snack we ate. It is a special treat we had to wait for. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR...**

Kids say:

...Jesus' birthday is coming!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR...**

Albie says:

Do you want to hear me roar like a dinosaur?

Presenter: Albie, today we played a game called "Waiting Game". Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR...**

Kids say:

...Jesus' birthday is coming!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR...**

Albie says:

I smell like a wet dog if I get caught in a downpour!

Presenter says:

"Albie, listen one last time.

***JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR...**

Kids response:

...Jesus' birthday is coming!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR...**

Albie's response:

(Warms up his singing voice with “*Mee, mee, mee, mee...*” and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)
JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR...*Jesus' birthday is coming.

Presenter says to Albie: Good job, Albie!

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

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Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and Jesus' birthday is coming.

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Luke 1: 26-38

Angels
announce



You're
Invited!

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Where: _____
When: _____

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