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Series: God gives the Best Gifts
Winter Year 2, Lesson 30

An Angel Appears to Mary and Joseph

Take Home Point: *GOD GIVES THE BEST GIFTS
...Jesus is coming soon!

*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 and Matthew 1:20-21

We will help children know:

- The Bible Event of angel appearing to Mary and Joseph to announce that Jesus would be born.
- Jesus was a special baby because he came to be the Savior of the world.
- Jesus is our Savior, too.

We will help the children feel:



- Anticipation for Jesus' birth.
- Eagerness to prepare for Jesus' birth.
- Desire to share with others the news that Jesus is coming soon.


We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event.
- Craft: Christmas Gift and Invitation.
- Snack: Christmas Treat.
- Game: Jesus is Coming, Coming, Born!
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: GOD GIVES THE BEST GIFTS...*Jesus is coming soon!*
- Sing and Pray.

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THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Large Group Opening 	3 5	Puppet Presentation Bible Event	<i>Puppet Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bubba puppet • Advent wreath • lighter • optional: candle snuffer • Bible <i>Bible Event:</i> Note: For the next few weeks, the presenter will be using a nativity set to tell the Bible event. The nativity must be large enough for all to see. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mystery Box containing: • Bible • From a large nativity set, an angel, Mary, Joseph and manger • Option: substitute flannel board and characters
Small Group Application 	8 9 10 11	Activity 1: Craft-Christmas Gift and Invitation Activity 2: Snack-Christmas Treat Activity 3: Game-Jesus is Coming, Coming, Born! Prayer Time	<i>Activity 1: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before copying Appendix, fill in the blanks • Copy of Appendix, one per 2 children (cut in half) • tape • crayons or markers • one cardboard tube per child (toilet paper tube or gift wrap tube or paper towel tubes cut into shorter lengths) • gift wrap cut to cover the tubes and extend 6" beyond the tubes in length • chenille wires, cut in 4 pieces, one per two children • labels that say: A Special Gift • four pieces of candy <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • napkins, cups, water or juice • Special Christmas treat of your choice (Christmas cookies, cupcakes, raisins or strawberries) <i>Activity 3: Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none

Large Group Wrap-up 	13	Singing (Optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your choice of music • Albie puppet • Example of craft • Example of snack
	13	Lesson Review with Puppet Skit	

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: Bubba puppet; Advent wreath; lighter; optional, candle snuffer; Presenter holds a Bible

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

Bubba: Hi everyone. Where is it?

Presenter: Hi, Bubba. Where is what?

Bubba: The fire.

Presenter: Bubba, what are you talking about?

Bubba: Judy told me that last week you lit a candle with fire.

Presenter: Oh, I see what you are talking about. Here it is. (Hold up the Advent wreath.) What do you think it is called?

Bubba: Is it called the ring of fire?

Presenter: No Bubba.

Bubba: I guess I don't see any fire. What is it called?

Presenter: It is called an Advent wreath. Advent means 'coming'.

Bubba: What is coming?

Presenter: Boys and girls, tell Bubba what is coming. (Baby Jesus' birth.)

Bubba: Hey, I know when that is, it's Christmas!

Presenter: That's right Bubba.

Bubba: Let's get back to the fire.

Presenter: See how the wreath has four candles? Last week we lit the angel candle because an angel visited Zechariah. The angels told him that he and wife would have a baby. That baby was John the Baptist.

Bubba: What are we lighting today?

Presenter: Today we are lighting the Mary and Joseph candle.

Bubba: Why?

Presenter: An angel came to both Mary and Joseph to tell them that they would have a very special baby. Bubba, do you know who is the special baby?

Bubba: Is it baby Jesus?

Presenter: Yes, Bubba.

Bubba: Now can we light the fire?

Presenter: Sure. Light angle candle from last week then light another candle. Make sure it is not close to anything flammable.

Bubba: Wow! There are only two candles left. What does that mean?

Presenter: It means there are only two more weeks before Jesus' birth.

Bubba: That's when Christmas gets here!

Presenter: Yes it is. Do you know why Jesus' birth is important?

Bubba: Because I'll get lots of presents?

Presenter: No. It is because Jesus is our Savior. He came to earth to die on the cross for everyone, including you and me. That makes Jesus the best gift of all.

Presenter: Would you like to learn more about this Bible event?

Bubba: Yes I would.

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

Bubba: OK

Presenter: *God gives the best gifts...now you say, "Jesus is coming soon!"

Bubba: ...Jesus is coming soon!

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

Bubba: Sure.

Presenter: OK everybody, *God gives the best gifts...

Bubba: (and everyone): Jesus is coming soon!

Presenter: One more time. *God gives the best gifts...

Bubba: (and everyone): Jesus is coming soon!

Presenter: Wonderful. Say “goodbye” Bubba. (extinguish the fire.)

Bubba: Bye everyone!

Bible Event: Mystery Box

Supplies: Mystery box with removable lid containing: Bible, figures from a large nativity set, an angel, Mary, Joseph, the manger. Optional, flannel board and characters

The presenter comes on stage with the gift-wrapped mystery box. He begins:

Look, boys and girls! I brought our surprise gift box from last week. I wonder what surprises it has for us this week. Should we peek inside and see?

Make a big deal of taking the lid off the gift box and peeking inside to see what surprises it holds. Bring out the Bible. Say:

I found a Bible inside the gift box again. I remember from last week that the Bible is God’s word. It is one of the best gifts we can have because it tells us about the best gift of all, Jesus!

Let’s peek inside the gift box to see what other surprises it holds for us.

Peek inside the gift box and take out the angel. Say:

Oh, look! An angel! I remember from last week that the angel Gabriel visited Zechariah while he was in the temple. He surprised Zechariah with some Good News. Gabriel told Zechariah that he would soon have a baby, John the Baptist. John would have an important job. His job would be to tell people about our Savior, Jesus.

Shortly after Gabriel visited Zechariah, the angel made another visit. Let's look inside the gift box to see whom Gabriel visited.

Put the angel on one end of the altar and take out the Mary figure. Say:

There was a girl who lived in a city named Nazareth. Her name was Mary. Mary loved God very much. She wanted to obey him and she believed the promise that he would send a Savior.

One day the angel, Gabriel, visited Mary and said, "The Lord God favors you. The Lord is with you."

At first the angel scared Mary, but then he said,

**"Do not be afraid, Mary.
You are special to God.
He has picked you out to have a baby, a very important baby.
God has chosen you to be the mother of Baby Jesus.
He will be a great man.
He will be called God's son.
The Lord God will make him a king.
He will be the Savior."**

Mary answered, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said be true."

Then the angel left Mary. But Gabriel wasn't finished with his work yet. He had one more visit to make.

Put the Mary figure next to the angel and take out the Joseph figure. Say:

God had given Mary a special man to marry. His name was Joseph. When Joseph heard that Mary was going to have a baby, he was very surprised.

One night while Joseph was sleeping, the angel Gabriel came to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, Mary will give birth to a son. His name shall be Jesus. He is the Son of God. He will save the people from their sins."

Put the Joseph figure near Mary and the angel. Take out the manger and put it on the opposite end of the altar from the figures. Say:

God's people had waited a long time for the Savior to be born. Now it was almost time. Soon Baby Jesus would be born and laid in a manger. Jesus was coming soon.

We are also waiting. We are waiting for Christmas. We are waiting for Jesus to be born. The Good News is, Jesus is coming soon.

We wait for Jesus with joy because Jesus is our Savior, too. Jesus was born to save us from our sins, the wrong choices we make and the wrong things that we do. He was born so that he could die on the cross and take away those sins. Then he can fill us with his love. It is Good News that Jesus is coming soon. Let's share that Good News with others. Jesus is coming soon!

Boys and girls, let's practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. ***GOD GIVES THE BEST GIFTS...Jesus is coming soon!**

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

Dear God,
We love you.
Jesus is the best gift.
He is our Savior.
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.

**GOD gives US the BE-st GIFTS.
BE-st GIFTS. BE-st GIFTS.
GOD gives US the BE-st GIFTS.
JE-sus is 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 “Christmas Gift and Invitation”

Supplies: Before you copy Appendix, fill in the blanks; Copies of Appendix A, one per two children (cut in half); one cardboard tube per child; gift wrap to cover tubes and extend 6” beyond the tubes in length (precut); tape; chenille wires cut in four pieces, two pieces per child; labels that say: A Special Gift; four pieces of candy per child; crayons or markers

Note: You may want to complete steps 1 thru 5 due to time restraints.

Boys and girls, today we are going to make a special gift to give someone. It will have a special invitation inside to come to church to hear about Jesus.

First, color the picture of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



To make:

1. Lay the cardboard tube at one end of the wrapping paper, so that the wrapping paper extends several inches beyond each end of the tube.
2. Tape the paper to the tube.
3. Roll the paper around the tube and tape again.
4. Twist one end of the paper closed.
5. Twist a chenille wire (pipe cleaner) around the twisted end of the paper to secure it closed.
6. Roll the invitation into a tube and put it in the cardboard tube.
7. Add two candies to the tube. The children may eat the other candies or take them home.
8. Twist the other end of the paper closed.
9. Twist the second chenille wire around this end of the tube to secure it closed.
10. Affix a label to the gift which says “A Special Gift”

To discuss:

What Good News did we learn today? Let’s share with a friend the Good News that Jesus is coming soon. Give the gift you made to a friend to invite him or her to church. When you give the friend the gift, say, “Jesus is coming soon.” Practice a couple times. We want everyone to know that Jesus is coming soon because Jesus is the best gift of Christmas. Think about who can you share the Good News with and invite to church.

Review the Bible Event.

What Good News did the angel have for Mary and Joseph? (*Mary would be the mother of the Savior, Jesus, and he would be born soon.*)

Let's practice the take home point. ***GOD GIVES THE BEST GIFTS...Jesus is coming soon!**

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Activity 2: Snack "Christmas Treat"

Supplies: napkins, cups, water or juice; special snack of your choice such as, Christmas cookies, cupcakes, raisins or strawberries

***CAUTION: <i>Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.</i>

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

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Jesus is the best gift.
He is our Savior.
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In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Boys and girls, today we are going to eat a special Christmas snack. It is sweet to remind us of the sweet gift God gave us, his son Jesus! Give children snack.

Review the Bible event.

As we wait for Christmas during Advent, what Good News do we have? (*Jesus is coming soon and he is our Savior, too.*)

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Activity 3: Game "Jesus is Coming, Coming, Born!"

Supplies: none

Boys and girls, today we are going to play a game called Jesus is coming, coming, born! It is played just like Duck, duck, goose, but with different words.

To play:

1. Have the children sit in a circle. This game is similar to "Duck, Duck, Goose."
2. One child is "It."
3. "It" goes around the circle saying, "Jesus is coming," and tapping children's heads.
4. After "It" has tapped several children's heads, he taps a child and says, "Jesus is born!"
5. "It" runs around the circle, trying to get back to the place of the child he tapped before that child catches him.
6. If "It" gets back to the other child's spot and sits down before being caught, the other child becomes "It."
7. If "It" is caught, he must be "It" again.
8. Have "It" say, "Jesus is born!" only to those children who have not yet been caught.

That game was exciting. But even more exciting is the news that Jesus is coming soon! As fast as we ran around the circle, that is how fast we want to share with others the Good News that Jesus is coming soon. Who can you tell the Good News to?

Review the Bible event.

While we wait for Christmas during Advent, what can we do with the Good News that Jesus is coming soon? *(Share it with others.)*

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Prayer Time

Who can you tell the Good News to that Jesus is coming soon? *(Answers will vary but may include different relatives, neighbors or friends.)*

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 Christmas Gift and Invitation. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.



Presenter: (says to kids):

Kids say:

***GOD GIVES THE BEST GIFTS...**

...Jesus is coming soon!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

Albie says:

give you my list!

***GOD GIVES THE BEST GIFTS...**

But I will let you give me gifts; I will

Presenter:

Albie, look at the snack we ate. It was a special Christmas treat. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

Kids say:

***GOD GIVES THE BEST GIFTS...**

...Jesus is coming soon!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

Albie says:

***GOD GIVES THE BEST GIFTS...**

Cookies, cakes, candies and baby Jesus...I love Christmas!

Presenter:

Albie, today we played a game called Jesus is Coming, Coming, Born! Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

Kids say:

***GOD GIVES THE BEST GIFTS...**

...Jesus is coming soon!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***GOD GIVES THE BEST GIFTS...**

Albie says:

Would you like a jar of bugs for Christmas?

Presenter says:

Albie, listen one last time.

***GOD GIVES THE BEST GIFTS...**

Kids response:

...Jesus is coming soon!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***GOD GIVES THE BEST GIFTS...**

Albie's response:

(Warms up his singing voice with "Mee, mee, mee, mee..." and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)

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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 he gives us the best gift, Jesus!



An Invitation for You

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Where:_____

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