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Series: Jesus Comes
Winter Year 2, Lesson 28

Jesus' Birth: Mary & the Angel

Take Home Point: *God promises to send Jesus.

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. Leaders say the phrase and the children repeat it.

Bible Event: Luke 1:26-38

We will help children know:

- God sent an angel to tell Mary she would have God's Son.
- God wanted to help all the sad, mad and angry people.
- Mary wanted to obey God's will.




We will help children feel:

- Happy that God sent his Son to us.
- Awed that an angel can deliver a message.

We will help children do:

- Participate in acting out the Bible Event.
- Eat a snack that looks like an angel.
- Make an angel craft.
- Play a learning game called *Sending a Message* and a movement game called *Send the Ball*.
- Take home a copy of *God Talk at Home* to reinforce learning today's Take Home Point: ***God promises to send Jesus.**

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Warm-Up (5-10 minutes)	3	Transition Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> toys of your choice
Large Group Opening (5-10 minutes) 	3 3 4	Sing (Optional) Puppet Presentation Bible Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> songs of your choice Judy puppet and pink pony children's picture Bible
Small Group Application (10 minutes—each activity) 	6 9 10 11 12	Activity 1: Acting Out Bible Event Activity 2: Snack Activity 3: Craft Activity 4: Learning Game Movement Game	<i>Activity 1: Bible Event</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> children's picture Bible <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> napkins cups of water can of white frosting and plastic knife graham crackers one large marshmallow per 2 children optional: colored sugar in shaker <i>Activity 3: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> small white paper plates, one for two children toilet paper tube, one per child (Option: rolled up piece of construction paper, taped shut) colored chalk (chalk works best but can substitute crayons or markers) sticker that says "God promises to send Jesus." (option: permanent pen to write it on) <i>Activity 4: Games</i> <i>Learning Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> none <i>Movement Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one beach ball
Large Group Wrap-Up (5-10 minutes) 	13 13 13	Review Lesson and Take Home Point Pray Sing (Optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> songs of your choice

Warm-Up (Prior to class and first 10 minutes of the session.)

Young children this age need a time to get acquainted with the new surroundings as they enter the classroom. Provide a variety of calm activities and toys such as blocks, play centers and simple puzzles. These activities create an environment that helps young children let go of Mom and Dad. If necessary, Mom and Dad may play with them for a few minutes and then leave.

Large Group Opening (5-10 minutes)



Purpose: You may use singing as a large group activity and to gather attention. The opening puppet presentation is a quick overview introducing the Bible Event and Take Home Point. Early childhood humor is also used. Bubba often says something silly about elephants. Judy says something silly about pink ponies. Let the children enjoy the “joke” but use it to call attention to the Bible Event.

Singing: Use music of your choice.

Puppet Presentation

*Supplies: children’s picture Bible
Pink pony*

Judy Learns About a Promise

Presenter: Boys and girls, let’s call out Judy.

Kids call out Judy, Judy, Judy.

Judy comes out with her pink pony.

Presenter: Hi, Judy.

Judy: Hi, boys and girls. I am so excited!

Presenter: What are you excited about?

Judy: My friend is going to come to my house today after church.

Presenter: That’s wonderful. What are you going to do?

Judy: We are going to play with my pink pony.

Presenter: That sounds like fun.

Judy: Yes. Last Sunday I asked her to come over and I told her I would share my very special pink pony. She’s the best.

Presenter: That means that you made a promise to her last week.

Judy: I did?

Presenter: Yes. You promised you would share your pink pony.

Judy: What's a promise?

Presenter: A promise is when you say you will do something and you do it. Today in our Bible Event we are going to hear how God made a promise.

Judy: Did he promise to share his pink pony?

Presenter: No. God shared something much more wonderful. He shared his Son with the world.

Judy: How did he do that?

Presenter: He promised that he would send his Son Jesus to be born as a baby. And that's just what happened. Would you like to hear about it?

Judy: Yes.

Presenter: See what I am holding? This is the Bible. It is God's word. Everything in the Bible is true. Now I am going to read about our lesson from the Bible. Let's put on our listening ears.

Read the Bible Event from a children's picture Bible.

Presenter: Let's practice the Take Home Point. I'll say it first and you repeat after me: * God promises to send Jesus. **God promises to send Jesus.**

Presenter: Judy will you help us sing our song of the week?

Judy: Sure, I love to sing.

Song: to the tune of *Mary Had a Little Lamb*

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

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SEND his **SON**, **SEND** his **SON**.
GOD said **HE** would **SEND** his **SON**.
God **KEEPS** his **PROM-i-SES**.

Let's fold our hands and say a prayer. Repeat after me.

Dear God, Dear God,

We love you. We love you.

You keep your promises. You keep your promises.

You sent your son, Jesus. You sent your son, Jesus.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

In Jesus' name. In Jesus' name.

Amen. Amen.

Small Group Application (30-40 minutes)



Purpose: Young children learn best by repetition. Review the Bible Event and practice the Take Home Point as you rotate through the activities.

The shepherd to child ratio for three-year-olds should be one to six or fewer. Divide into groups of six with one shepherd or have a slightly larger group with two shepherds.

Groups rotate from activity to activity. Another option, especially for larger churches, is to provide a leader at each activity table with a shepherd leading a group of up to twelve. The ratio will be maintained at one to six.

Activity 1: Acting Out the Bible Event

Supplies:

- Children's picture Bible

Mary and the Angel

Luke 1:26-38

Introduction

Hold up a children's picture Bible.

This is the Bible. It is God's word. Let's act out what it says in the Bible. When you see me do the actions, you do them, too.

God is big.

- **God is big. He made the sun and put it in the sky. Let's make a sun circle with our arms.**
- **God made all the stars and sprinkled them in the night sky. Let's make our hands be twinkling stars. (Open and close fingers.)**
- **God made everything that is living. He made the plants, the animals and best of all, the people. (Make sweeping motion with arm.)**
- **God is so big, so powerful and so wonderful.**

God sends his Son into the hurting world.

- **God looked down into this world and he saw that many people were sad. Some people were mad and some were mean. Let's make an angry face.**
- **What was wrong with the world? Many people did not know God. (Shake head "no.")**
- **People did not know that God loved them. (Put hands on heart.)**
- **They did not know that they should obey God. (Shake head "yes.")**

God has a plan to rescue the world.

- **When God saw that people were sad or mad or mean, he still loved them very much. He wanted to take away their sadness and meanness. This was his plan. (Point to head.)**
- **He would send his Son into the world. God's Son who is big, and powerful and wonderful would be born as a tiny, tiny, wonderful baby. Let's rock a baby in our arms.**
- **He would grow up to be the one who rescues people who are sad or mad or mean.**

God sends Gabriel to tell his plan.

- **God wanted the world to know his plan, so he called a messenger, a mighty angel named Gabriel. Let's call the mighty angel. Repeat after me, "Gabriel, come here."**
- **Gabriel heard God calling and quickly came to stand before God. God pointed to the world. Let's point.**
- **"Go into the world and find Mary. Tell her that she will have a baby." Let's rock a baby in our arms.**
- **"That baby will be my Son."**

Gabriel appears to Mary.

- **Gabriel did as God told him. The mighty angel appeared before Mary. Mary could tell he was an angel that came from heaven. She was afraid. Let's cover our eyes and say, "Oh, no!"**
- **But the angel said, "Mary, do not be afraid." (Hold arm out in a stopping motion.)**
- **Gabriel said, "Mary, God is very happy with you." Mary was amazed. Show me your amazed face. (Eyes wide, mouth open.)**
- **Then the angel said, "You are going to have a baby. It is God's own Son." Now Mary was surprised! Show me your surprised face. (Mouth open, hands on cheeks.)**
- **Mary said, "I can't have a baby---I am not married."**

Gabriel tells about Jesus.

- **Gabriel said, "Don't worry, Mary, God who is so big can do anything. God will give you a baby who is God's Son. You will name him Jesus. He will be great. (Hand closed, arm up.)**
- **He will be mighty. (Flex muscles.)**
- **He will be a king ruling over all. (Arm extended, moving from left to right.)**
- **Best of all, God's Son, Jesus, will rescue people from all the things they have done wrong that make them sad or mad or mean."**

Mary's response.

- Mary could hardly believe what she heard. She looked at the angel and said, "Yes." Let's say, "yes."
- "Whatever God wants to do with me will be wonderful. May it be just as you said. I will be happy to be the mother of Jesus." Show me a happy face.

Jesus rescues us.

- Anytime we are sad or mad or mean, we can remember that God sent his Son, Jesus. Jesus can take away the bad things we do and help us to love others just like God does. God kept his promise to help people when he sent his Son Jesus.

Pray, Sing and Review the Take Home Point

Prayer:

Let's fold our hands and say a prayer. Repeat after me.

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We love you. We love you.

You keep your promises. You keep your promises.

You sent your Son, Jesus. You sent your Son, Jesus.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

In Jesus' name. In Jesus' name.

Amen. Amen.

Let's sing our song of the week.

Song: to the tune of *Mary Had a Little Lamb*

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Take Home Point:

Let's practice the Take Home Point. I'll say it first and you repeat after me: * God promises to send Jesus. God promises to send Jesus.

Activity 2: Snack

Supplies:

- Napkins
- Cups and water
- Can of white frosting and plastic knife for spreading
- Large marshmallows, 1 per child
- Graham crackers
- Two or three toothpicks
- Optional: colored sugar in a shaker bottle

BE AWARE OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES CHILDREN MAY HAVE BEFORE YOU GIVE THEM ANY FOOD TO EAT.

Prepare one snack angel before children arrive. Frost a square of graham cracker. Cut a large marshmallow in half horizontally. Place marshmallow halves on cracker side by side to look like wings. You can draw a circle for a head with a toothpick. If using option of colored sugar, sprinkle it lightly on cracker below the wings.

Today we are going to eat a snack that reminds us of an angel. Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and say a prayer. Repeat after me.

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We love you. We love you.
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You sent your Son, Jesus. You sent your Son, Jesus.
Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name. In Jesus' name.
Amen. Amen.

Boys and girls, today we are learning how an angel came from God to talk to Mary. Our snack today looks like an angel. Show sample. Pass out napkin and cup of water to each child. I am going to give you a graham cracker with frosting on it. You will take the wings (large marshmallow cut in half) and put them on your angel. If using the option of sparkly sugar, let the children sprinkle it on after the wings are in place. You may eat your snack now.

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Activity 3: Craft

Children take pride in making something themselves. Resist trying to do too much for children so that they can say, "I did it myself."

Supplies:

- Aerosol hairspray to make chalk stay on the tip of the t.p. tube
- Small white paper plates, one per 2 children
- Empty toilet paper tube, one per child, Option: rolled up piece of construction paper, taped
- colored chalk (option: markers or crayons)
- sticker that says, "God promises to send Jesus." (Option: write on back of angel)

Before class, cut paper plates in half. On top cut edge, in the middle, draw (with a pen) a simple circle head with eyes and smile. Cut a triangle shape near head as shown. Cut two slits across from each other in tissue roll, from top to halfway down tube. If using chalk to color craft, put sticker on back of tube before children start.



Today we are going to make an angel. It will remind us that God sent an angel to tell Mary she would be the mother of Jesus. First you can color the angel's body (tube). Next you can color the wings. (half of paper plate). When you are finished coloring your wings, I will help you put them in the slit on the body. (If you have not already put sticker on, put on now.) Spray lightly with hairspray to keep the chalk from wiping off.

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Activity 4: Games

Choose one or both games to play. Children with lots of wiggles should play the Movement Game first.

Learning Game

Supplies: none

Today we are learning that God sent an angel with a message for Mary. We are going to play a game called *Send a Message*. After you answer the questions, you can do the actions.

1. Can we send a message on a cow? No. Let's moo like a cow.
2. Can we send a message on a phone? Yes. Let's ring like a telephone.
3. Can we send a message on a frog? No. Let's hop like a frog.
4. Can we send a message by shouting? Yes. Let's shout "hi!"
5. Can we send a message on a lamb? No. Let's baa like a lamb.
6. Can we send a message in a letter? Yes. Let's pretend to lick a stamp and stick it on an envelope.
7. Can we send a message on an alligator? No. Let's all say "chomp!"
8. Can we send a message on a computer? Yes. Let's pretend to type on a keyboard.
9. Can we send a message on a chicken? No. Let's all cluck like a chicken.
10. Can God send a message with an angel? Yes. Let's tell Mary she is going to have a baby named Jesus.

Movement Game

Supplies: one beachball

Today we have been learning that God promised to send his Son Jesus. We are going to play a game called *Send the Ball*. Everyone sit in a circle. I am going to toss the beach ball into the circle. If it comes to you, either roll it or kick it to someone else in the circle.

Play until all children have had several turns.

Just like we sent the beach ball to someone in the circle, God sent his Son from heaven to earth. He did this when he promised Mary that she would have a baby. That baby is Jesus.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (5-10 minutes)



Lesson Review:

Presenter reviews the lesson with questions or by supplying key parts of the lesson with some words left out. Children are to supply the answers as the presenter shares the Bible Event.

**See if you know the words I'm thinking of when I tell the Bible Event.
If you know it, you may say it out loud without raising your hand.**

Who is big and wonderful and powerful, God or a mouse? (God.) Who told Mary that she would have a very special baby? (Angel Gabriel). Did the angel say the special baby would be Jesus or a monkey? (Jesus.) God wanted to help the sad, mad and angry people. He did this by making a promise. Did God keep his promise? (Yes.)

Lesson Prayer:

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

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Lesson Song:

Let's sing our song of the week.

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Take Home Point:

Let's practice the Take Home Point. I'll say it first and you repeat after me: * God promises to send Jesus. God promises to send Jesus.

Lead the children in singing songs from a CD until parents begin arriving. Let parents know that they are welcome to join in. Dismiss by handing out God Talk at Home.

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