

The Coming of the Savior Is Announced

Scripture

- Luke 1:26-80
- Matthew 1:18-25

Key Themes (Choose one or more.)

- God is faithful. He always does what He says. (God was fulfilling His promises about the Deliverer—Luke 1:26-36). God fulfilled His promise to Zechariah, and John was born—Luke 1:57. God fulfills all His prophecies—Matthew 1:22.)
- God communicates with man.
- God is sovereign. (He chose Mary to be the mother of the Savior.)
- God is loving, merciful, and gracious. (Jesus would deliver sinners from the punishment they deserved.)
- Jesus Christ is God. (Jesus is the Son of God—Luke 1:32. Jesus was not conceived by a human father but by the power of the Holy Spirit—Luke 1:35.)
- Jesus Christ is man. (Jesus was Mary's son.)
- Jesus Christ is holy and righteous. (Because He is God's Son, He did not inherit Adam's sinful nature.)
- God is all-powerful. (God caused Mary, a virgin, to conceive a child by the power of the Holy Spirit. God gave Elizabeth a child in her old age. Nothing is impossible with God—Luke 1:37.)
- Man must have faith in order to please God and to be saved. (Mary trusted in the Lord and accepted God's will for her to be the mother of the Savior—Luke 1:38.)
- Man is a sinner. He needs God and is helpless to save himself. (See Matthew 1:21.)
- Jesus will reign forever.

Curriculum Resources

- Teacher Preparation Page for Lesson 2
- Coloring Book Visual for Lesson 2
- Baby Announcement Visual for Lesson 2
- Student Coloring Book for Lesson 2 (for each student)
- Parent Page for Lesson 2 (for each student)

Other Supplies

(Supplies will vary based on which options you choose.)

- Bible (English Standard Version)
- Optional: Birth announcement (if you have one)

Main Storyline

(Fill in details and use vocabulary appropriate to the age you are teaching.)

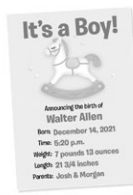
- God sent the angel, Gabriel, to deliver another message. This message was for a young woman named Mary, who was to be married to a man named Joseph.
- The angel said to Mary, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" (Luke 1:28). Mary was troubled and wondered what the message meant.
- But the angel told her not to be afraid. God was pleased with her. She would have a baby boy who would be called Jesus. Jesus would be great for He was God's Son. He was the King from the line of David who would reign forever.
- But Mary didn't see how this could be. She was not married to Joseph yet.
- Jesus would not be the son of Joseph, but the Holy Spirit would give her this baby. The baby to be born was God's own Son.
- The angel also told Mary about Elizabeth, who would have a baby in her old age. So Mary went to see Elizabeth. When Mary got there and greeted Elizabeth, the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaped for joy!
- Mary praised God for His goodness, kindness, power, and faithfulness to fulfill His promises.
- But when Joseph found out that Mary was going to have a baby, he decided not to marry Mary. He thought she had done something wrong and was carrying another man's baby. But an angel came to him in a dream and told him not to be afraid to marry Mary because her baby came from the Holy Spirit and was God's Son.

- The baby would be named Jesus, which means “The Lord is salvation.” Jesus would save His people from their sins.
- When Joseph woke up, he obeyed the angel and took Mary as his wife.
- The time came for Elizabeth’s baby to be born and, just as God had promised, it was a baby boy. All her friends and neighbors were so happy for her. They wanted to call the baby Zechariah—like his father. But Elizabeth said his name would be John.
- So the friends and relatives made signs to Zechariah, who had not been able to speak for many months. Zechariah wrote on a tablet, “His name is John.”
- Immediately, Zechariah’s tongue was loosed, and he could speak. The very first words he said were praises to God! He praised God for what He was doing—for His mercy in sending a Savior. He thanked God that his son, John, would prepare the way for Jesus.

Teacher Preparation

After reading through the Scripture several times, praying, meditating on the key themes, and discerning how the Holy Spirit is leading you to tell the story, use the Teacher Preparation Page to help you structure your story. Include the key theme/s, any Scripture verse you will read, the Hook, your notes or outline, any Curriculum Resources or other supplies you will need, and your approach to the story. See Story Preparation instructions in the appendix.

Hook



Optional: Baby announcement

(Show the **Baby Announcement Visual for Lesson 1** or a baby announcement that you have.)

After a baby is born, mommies and daddies want everyone they know to hear about the new baby. So sometimes they send one of these (show the **announcement**) to their friends. It tells the baby’s name and when the baby was born; how big the baby was...things like that. (You may want to read the announcement to the children.)

Do the mom and dad send the announcement BEFORE the baby is born? No! They don’t know when the baby is going to be born or how big the baby is going to be. Sometimes they don’t even know if it is going to be a girl baby or a boy baby. Mommies and daddies send the birth announcements AFTER a baby is born.

But the Bible tells us about a birth announcement that came BEFORE a baby was born. Who could know about a baby BEFORE the baby is born? Would you like to hear the story?

Looks (Choose one.)

Look Option 1



(Show the **Coloring Book Visual for Lesson 2**. Point to Mary.)

Who is this lady? Do you remember her name?

(Point to the angel) And who is this?

What did he say? [Yes, that Mary would have a baby.]

Would this baby be just an ordinary baby?

Bible

Can anyone tell me something special about the baby Mary would have? (Look in the **Bible** for the answer if they need help—Luke 1:32a and 33b.)

Jesus is God's Son, and Jesus is God.

If Jesus was just a human, could He always be with you?

No, but if Jesus is God, can He always be with you?

If Jesus were just a human, would He be strong enough to always take care of you?

No, but if Jesus is God, is He strong enough to take care of you?

If Jesus were just a human, could He take away your sins?

Jesus is God's Son, and Jesus is God. Only Jesus can take away sin.

Would you like to thank Jesus for taking care of you, for being strong and for being the Savior?

Look Option 2



(Point to Mary on the **Coloring Book Visual for Lesson 2**.)

Who is this lady? Do you remember her name?

(Point to the angel.) And who is this? What did the angel tell Mary?

Did Mary believe what God told her?

Can you believe what everybody tells you? Why not?

Can you believe what God tells you? Why? [God always does what He says.]

Does it matter if we believe what God tells us? Why? [Faith pleases God.]

Do you think God is pleased when you believe what He tells you?

How do we know what God tells us? Can you think of a book that tells us what God says? [Yes, the Bible.]

(If your children will be memorizing the Foundation Verses, you may want to introduce John 3:16 and talk about what God tells us in this verse.)

Foundation Verse

- John 3:16—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (ESV)
- John 3:16—"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (NIV)

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- Parent Page for Lesson 2 (for each student)