

LET'S CELEBRATE JESUS OUR SAVIOR-3 Lessons for the Christmas Season

Bible Memory Verse to Learn: The children will remember the verse very well if you set it to a song. You yourself can decide on a tune or compose a new one, or you can ask help from someone else who is a strong musician or composer. It's good for the tune to be catchy, rhythmic, fun. Children can clap as they sing, use gestures to show the meaning of the song, dance or move in any appropriate, fun and rhythmic way as they sing the verse. They will love repeating it and it will come to their minds often.

THREE CHRISTMAS LESSONS –LET'S CELEBRATE JESUS OUR SAVIOR—

Lesson 1- MARY GIVES BIRTH TO JESUS

Lesson Scripture: Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

Lesson Aim: At the conclusion of this lesson, children who have not yet done so will be led to welcome Jesus into their hearts as their Savior. We who are believers already will be led to honor Him in worship, in singing, and in our daily lives.

Memory Verse to Learn: Matthew 1:21b NKJV

“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Adapted verse for preschool children: “You shall call His name Jesus”

Beginning the Lesson: Have you ever heard a name given to someone that showed something very good or nice about that person? (Let the children respond.) Today we will learn about a baby who received a very special name, a very beautiful name, the wonderful name of Jesus. Listen well. At the end of the lesson I will ask you to tell me what His beautiful name means.

MAIN THOUGHTS OF THIS LESSON:

1. God spoke to Mary through an angel. Luke 1:26-38
(Teacher, explain or summarize briefly the main thoughts of these verses.)
(Teacher, let the children act out the story.)
2. God spoke to Joseph through an angel. Matthew 1:18-25
(Teacher, explain the teaching of these verses. Review and explain verse 21 thoroughly, since it also serves as the memory verse. The angel gave the name by which the baby was to be called. It was not chosen by Mary or Joseph. His name means, “Savior” or “The one who saves”, because He was the One who was born to save his people from their sins.
(Teacher, lead the children in acting out the story.)
3. Jesus Christ was born in the way God had promised long ago. Luke 2:1-7

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God promised long ago that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), and Jesus was.

God promised long ago that He would be born poor (Zechariah 9:9), and Jesus was.

Mary gave birth to Jesus in a stable where animals were kept in the village of Bethlehem. He was the Promised Messiah who would take away our sins.

(Teacher, show a picture if one is available, pointing out the details.)

To Conclude the Lesson:

Ask: What does the name Jesus mean? (Savior) Who gave it to Jesus? (The angel of God) When was it given? (Before Jesus was born)

Invitation for the unsaved student: Let the children know that if any of them are not sure they have received Jesus into their hearts as Savior, but they want to do so today, they can stay after class in a specified place you will show them, and you will talk with them and lead them to Jesus.

Application for the saved student: All the children may praise God together for sending His Son here to save us. Encourage them to continue praising God through the week.

If there is time, divide the children into groups of 5 or 6. Each group will compose a song with their own words giving praise to God for the coming of Jesus. Each group can sing their song before the whole group.

It is not only our words that honor Jesus, but our whole lives, if we are living as He wants. Discuss with the students ways we can honor Jesus in our daily lives.

Review the following week: Ask questions about the previous lesson and ask some small groups to act portions. The others can guess what part of the previous lesson they are showing.

Repeat the previous memory verse twice as a group. Then ask 4 children to say it themselves. Sing it in a song with the children.