



Who can be saved? Anyone who trusts in Jesus can be forgiven of their sins and be right with God.

Week 20: December 22, 2024

Bible Story Point: The Birth of Jesus was Good News.

Key Passage: The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him, said, “Behold, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Jesus was Born (Matthew 1; Luke 2; John 1)

From the moment sin entered the world, its consequences were obvious. God’s people were separated from Him; they did not enjoy the intimate relationship with their Creator for which He had created them. People were affected by sickness and pain. Corruption spread quickly throughout the earth. The situation seemed hopeless, yet God did not leave His people without hope.

It was into this hopelessness that God spoke. Hundreds of messages came through the prophets concerning a coming Messiah—One who would rescue people from their sins. But when would this Promised One come? How would He come? Would the people recognize Him?

The prophet Isaiah—who lived hundreds of years before Jesus was born—spoke specifically of the Messiah’s birth. Isaiah told King Ahaz what the Lord would do. “The virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel” (Isa. 7:14). He described the birth of a “Prince of Peace”—a Son of David who will reign forever. (Isa. 9:6-7) Isaiah said that He would be a King! (Isa. 11:1-5)

Everything God said about Jesus’ birth came true. Hundreds of years later, Jesus was born into the world. After Jesus was born, Mary laid Him in a manger. A king in a manger! It was so unlikely. But Jesus was no ordinary baby. He was God’s Son, sent in the most humble of positions, “not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life—a ransom for many” (Matt. 20:28).

As you celebrate Christmas with your children, remind them that the birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He was God’s Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to bring peace between people and God. He came to save people from their sins and to be their King.

- Where did Mary and Joseph go to register? Bethlehem
- Where did they have to stay when Jesus was born? In a stable
- Who talked to the shepherd? Angel
- What was the Angels message? The Savior is born!
- How did Mary respond to the shepherds who visited? Treasured up all these things in her heart
- What did the Shepherds do when they left Jesus? Told everyone what had happened.
- What is our job? To tell people about Jesus.
- How can we demonstrate the “Prince of Peace” lives in us?

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

Pray: Thank God for sending Jesus to save us from our sin. Ask God to show you how to share the Prince of Peace to people in your circle.

Wednesday Night AWANA Resumes January 15:

Cubbies: Bear Hug 15 -Matthew 1:21 "...Call His name Jesus:for He will save His people from their sins."

Sparks:

Hang Glider – John 14:6, Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through Me."

Wing Runner – Red Jewel 2.4 Requires Parent Signature, Green Jewel 2.1 – Peter 1:25, But the word of the Lord remains forever.

Sky Storm– Matthew 28:6, He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. 1 John 5:12, Whoever has the Son has life; Whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

T & T's – 3.1 Jesus is Fully God

John 10:30, I and the Father are one.

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, December 29

Paul became a Missionary (Acts 13-14)

- Who was set apart for special work? Paul and Barnabas
- What church were they associated with? Church at Antioch
- What was the special work? Go to different cities to tell them about Jesus.
- Was their task easy or hard? They had difficulty most places they went.

Upcoming Activities:

December 22	Love—Love your neighbor—Christmas Cards Caroling in nearby Assisted and Nursing Homes Meet at Church 3:30PM
December 24	Christmas Eve Candle lighting Service at 5PM
January 15	Wednesday Night Activities resume.
January 16	Pickleball and Walking Resumes
January 24—25	Magnified—VBS Preview Conference
January 26—29	Life Action—Thirst Conference
February 4	Good News Club Begins (Tuesdays 3: - 4:15 through March 5)
February 9	2nd Annual Chili Bowl Cook off—Kids Camp Fund Raiser
February 16	Preschool Appreciation Lunch and Training
February 20—28	Our Calling Mission Trip
February 21	Youth Spud Night
February 20	Legacy Conference

