2026-02-15 Jesus the Savior is Born

Introduction

Today’s lesson is on the birth of Jesus. The miraculous birth of the baby wrapped in swaddling cloths lying in a manger is just the beginning of God’s greatest miracle. That tiny baby will grow to be a Man, the perfect Son of God, and His obedience on the cross will fulfill God’s greatness in saving His people from their sins.

Praise and Worship (15 mins)

> **Parents:** The parent and child scheduled for this week will lead us in singing on Sunday. Please take time to practice the songs together at home, helping your child feel confident and joyful as they prepare to lead.

Suggested Songs:

- I Got the Joy, Joy, Joy
- Lord I Life Your Name on High

https://www.youtube.com/embed/rAPNUVHLh1Q?list=RDrAPNUVHLh1Qstart_radio=1

https://www.youtube.com/embed/qTx6gwc5sWo

Prayer and Offering (5 mins)

> **Parents:** Please encourage your children to bring an offering to church. You may help your child prepare by setting aside a coin for them to bring on Sunday. This is a great opportunity to teach them about giving to God with a thankful heart and trusting Him to provide.

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> ### What is Offering?
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> Offering is when we **give something to God** to show our love and thankfulness. In church, we often give money as an offering, but we can also give our time, talents, and kindness to God

and others.

Why Do We Make an Offering?

To Thank God – Everything we have comes from God! Giving back is a way to say, "Thank You, God!"
To Trust God – When we give, we show that we trust God to take care of us.
To Help Others – Offerings help the church teach about Jesus, help people in need, and share God's love.

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 9:7,
"God loves a cheerful giver!" That means God is happy when we give with a joyful heart!

Prayer for Offering

> Dear God, thank You for giving us everything we need. We want to give back to You with joyful hearts. Please use our offering to help others and share Your love. Help us to always trust You. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Review

- **Teacher:** “Last week, we learned about David. Can you tell me some of the things he did in the Bible?”
- *(Expected answers: shepherd, wrote Psalms, defeated Goliath, Israel’s greatest king)*
- **Teacher:** “Was David also a sinner? What did he do?”
- *(Expected answer: yes, he killed a man so he could marry that man’s wife)*
- **Teacher:** “Was David sorry for his sin?”
- *(Expected answer: yes)*
- **Teacher:** “David knew he cannot fix his sinful heart on his own, he needed God’s help. Did God forgive David?”
- *(Expected answer: yes)*
- “God is happy when we are sorry for the sins we have done. We can always trust God to fix our sinful hearts. When we trust God to fix our sinful hearts, God gives us a brand new red heart.”

Bible Story (10 min)

Introduction (2 min)

Props Needed:

- Trash can filled with "garbage"
- Small plastic bag
- Small wash cloth

(Place trash can on the table)

Teacher: “I need a volunteer, can someone put all this garbage into this bag for me?" *(Hold up small plastic bag)*

Teacher: “This bag is too small to fit all the garbage? Oh dear, we will need a bigger bag to hold all this trash!”

(Hold up washcloth)

Teacher: “If your car was muddy and dirty, would your dad wash it with this tiny washcloth? No, he would need a bigger cloth.”

“Big jobs need big tools. If something was up on the roof, out of reach, a person would need a big ladder to reach it. Of if a kid has a hard problem to solve, they would need a grown-up to help them solve it. All of us, at some time, have big jobs to do, and all of us need help solving big problems.”

“Does anyone remember what the biggest problem in the world is? What was Adam and Eve’s biggest problem? What was Cain’s biggest problem? And David’s biggest problem? What is my biggest problem and your biggest problem?”

“We sin. Our hearts are black because we sin. That’s the biggest problem because God hates sin and God is right to punish sin. But God also loves us, so He made a wonderful promise to His sinful people”

“God wants to save His people from sin. God promised to give us a new heart- a red one.”

“Do you think giving everyone in this world a new heart would be a big job? It is a big job! God is very powerful and can give everyone on earth a new heart. God has a big plan to do such a big job. Our Bible story today will tell us about God’s big plan to give everyone a new heart.”

Story Telling (5 min)

Props / Visuals Suggested:

- Birth of Jesus visuals (JWS__E-Display_Visuals_Lesson_13.pdf) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lnkbJVlE_7_paf8k_dUGs7DWqKJlhobr

Teacher:

- “Last week, we learned about David. God promised David and the Israelites He would save them from their sin and give them a new heart- a red one.”
- “The Israelites waited and waited and waited for God to keep His promise to give them a new heart. People who study the Bible thinks the Israelites waited for one thousand years- that’s a long time! Do you think you can wait that long? Some people gave up waiting, they didn’t believe God would really keep His promise.”
- “There was a young woman named Mary, she was waiting for God to keep His promise. Mary was going to marry Joseph. God chose Mary to give birth to a baby named Jesus. Jesus would save all of God’s people from their sins and give them a new heart. The Savior God promised His people came on earth as a tiny baby. God is the Father of Jesus. Jesus was a very special baby- the most special baby of all.”
- “Mary was a sinner just like you and me. God didn’t choose Mary to be Jesus’ mother because she was great or important. God chose her because ***GOD*** is great and He loved Mary. God loved Mary because she trusted in Him. She believed God would keep His promise and nothing was too hard for God to do.”
- “Even though Jesus was the most special baby of all and He was God’s own Son, God decided Jesus would be born in a stable filled with animals, not in a palace or a fancy house filled with important people. God chose simple shepherds to be the first people to know about Jesus’ birth. These shepherds were so happy that God kept His promise- they wanted to see the new baby right away! After they met the new baby, they told everyone the good news that God kept His promise of sending a Saviour that will give them new hearts.”
- “Giving everyone a new heart is a big job because our hearts are so sinful. But God is a great God. He has a special plan to do this big job, and this plan begins with a very special baby: Jesus, God’s own Son.”

Wrap-up & Discussion (3 min)

> *(Gather children close for reflection.)*

Discussion Questions:

Question 1: "When I say the word 'hero', what kind of person do you imagine?"

(Wait for responses.)

Expected Response: "Someone strong, tall, has super powers, etc."

Teacher Follow-up: “The Israelites were promised a Savior that would save them. They expected a strong, powerful king. Instead, God sent a little baby born to a family that had no money or power. They didn’t believe that baby Jesus could be the Savior that God promised. They didn’t trust God to keep His promise.”

Question 2: “Who were the first people to know about Jesus’ birth?”

(Wait for responses.)

Expected Response: "Shepherds"

Teacher Follow-up: “In Bible times, people didn’t like to hang out with shepherds- shepherds lived outside with animals, they were stinky and people thought shepherds were dirty people. The birth of Jesus was a big deal- God didn’t tell the richest or most important people or the smartest people about the Jesus’ birth, He purposely chose shepherds. Shepherds that weren’t important and people thought were dirty. God wanted to send the message that Jesus is coming to save everyone- not just the important or the cool people.”

Question 3: “What did the shepherds do after they met baby Jesus?”

(Wait for responses.)

Expected response: “They told everyone they knew about Jesus and that the Savior God promised has arrived.”

Teacher Follow-up: “The shepherds were so excited about Jesus’ birth, they told everyone they know. Do you think we should keep the news

about Jesus a secret?”

Expected response: “No!”

Teacher Follow-up: “Should we only tell the people we really like or are really smart about Jesus? Can you think of someone that you can are the good news of Jesus with?”

Closing Prayer for Bible Story

> *(Invite children to bow their heads and fold their hands.)*
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> **Teacher leads prayer:**
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> "Dear God,
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> You love us and want to be with us. Thank You for Your faithfulness and keeping Your promise by sending Jesus to save us from our sins. Help us to spread the good news and share Your love with those around us.
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> In Jesus' name, Amen"

Memory Verse: Matthew 1:21

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"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

> **Teacher:**
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> - “Our memory verse today comes from Matthew 1:21: 'She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'"

- “This verse is saying that Mary will give birth to a baby named Jesus. The baby will grow up to be the Savior that God promised us to save us from our sins so we can have a new heart.”
  - *(Before class, write “son”, “Jesus”, “save”, “people”, and “sins” on small pieces of paper and tape to various places around the room.*
  - *Write out memory verse on whiteboard: She will bear a _____, and you shall call his name _____, for he will _____ his _____from their _____.*
  - *Invite volunteers to look for hidden words and stick them to the correct place in the memory verse.)*
- *(Repeat the verse several times)*

Activity (10 mins)

Craft: "Sheep"

Link to craft

Materials Needed:

- Cardboard
- White yarn
- Black construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Tape

> **Teacher:** "The night Jesus was born, the shepherds were watching over their flocks of sheep."
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> **Instructions:**
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> 1. Cut cardboard into a cloud shaped piece
> 2. Take a long piece of yearn and secure to the back of cloud shape using tape
> 3. Wrap the yarn in various directions until it is well covered- nice and puffy! Cut the remaining

warn off and glue the loose end on the back of the sheep.
4. Cut a mushroom shaped head from the black construction paper, glue onto sheep.

Game: "Good News Balloon"

Materials Needed:

- Balloon

> 1. Have children stand in a circle in the front of the room.
> 2. Explain: "I have a good news balloon here. We are going to pretend this balloon is the wonderful news about Jesus' birth. It's important that all of you have a chance to spread the news, and you're going to do that by batting the balloon at least once. We want to keep the good news spreading, so don't let the balloon fall to the ground!"
> 3. After the game, discuss
>   - How did you feel as you waited for the news/ balloon to reach you?
>   - What was it like being someone who didn't get he news?
>   - How do you feel knowing some people didn't get the news?

Response Song

"Before we close, let's sing a song to help us remember what we learned today! This song is about faith and trusting God."

https://www.youtube.com/embed/gtxliaufnFA

Snack Time (10 mins)

Snack Prayer

> *(After the closing prayer, prepare for snack time. Have children stay seated or move to snack tables. Before eating, lead them in the snack prayer.)*
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> **Teacher:** "Before we eat, let's thank God for our snack."
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> "Now, let us thank You for the snack we're about to enjoy.
> We fold our hands.
> We bow our heads.
> We thank You, God,
> for this daily bread.
> Amen."

During Snack Time

> **Conversation Starters for Snack Time:**
> While children are eating, you can ask these casual questions to reinforce the lesson:

- "Can anyone tell me what we learned about today?"
- "Where can we find our memory verses?"
- "An angel told the shepherds about Jesus' birth and they were very scared of the angel. If you saw an angel, would you be scared?"
- "If you were a shepherd that night, would you go look for baby Jesus right away?"
- "What was your favorite part of today's lesson?"

Remember: Keep the conversation light and friendly during snack time. This is also a good time for children to relax and socialize.

Free Time & Children Pickup (15 mins)

Activity Suggestions:

- Free play with toys or blocks
- Review memory verses one more time with interested children
- Quiet reading of Bible story books
- Simple puzzles or games
- Drawing pictures of today's story

Parent Communication:
As parents arrive to pick up their children, briefly share one highlight from today's lesson. For example: "Today we learned about the 10 Commandments today. Because God is holy, righteous, and good, His commandments are also holy, righteous, and good." Encourage parents to review the memory verses at home and discuss what it means to have faith in God.

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