



3PK

November 24-25, 2012

DATE

Jesus is Promised

LESSON TITLE

Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25
Page 176 in the Jesus Storybook Bible

WHERE TO FIND IT

God announces, "Jesus is coming!"

MAIN POINT

schedule

SCHEDULE for all sites:

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Relationship-building time (kids get to know each other and the volunteers)

Next 25 minutes: Large group teaching and worship

Last 30 minutes: Story review, snack and small groups, activities/crafts

If you finish early, have kids engage group games as parents arrive. Check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Keep in mind, kids might not be perfectly engaged during small group. Do your best to engage every kid, but don't let redirecting take the place of reviewing the story. You may be surprised at what they pick up...even if they appear to be disengaged!

check-in/out

As kids leave, tell parents that their kids acted out today's story. Their kids can teach them how to re-enact the scene at home together!

large group heads up

Kids should leave large group knowing God used an angel to announce, "Jesus is coming!"



instructions

Goal: To retell the story through dramatic play

Why? Acting the story out will help kids understand it—and taking home a megaphone will give them something tangible to remind them to re-enact it at home with their families.

Tip: Make acting out the story FUN! Be creative and excited. (If you're excited, the kids will be excited.)

QUESTIONS

Lead kids to RETELL the story:

1. Did God use a ...cell phone to tell Mary, "Jesus is coming!"? (No!)
2. Did God use a...TV to tell Mary "Jesus is coming!"? (No!)
3. Did God use a...laptop to tell Mary, "Jesus is coming!"? (No!)
4. Did God...write us a letter to tell Mary, "Jesus is coming!"? (No!)
5. Who told Mary, "Jesus is coming!"? (Gabriel; angel; messenger warrior)
6. Why was this GREAT NEWS? (Because Jesus was the Rescuer we had been waiting for!)

Lead the kids to REACT to the story:

*How would you guys feel if a messenger warrior angel showed up to you? (Scared, surprised)

*How would you feel if you were Gabriel and got to announce the GREAT NEWS that "Jesus is coming!" (Excited, happy)

***Remind kids to tell their families about today's story!**

ACTIVITY

SAY: We're going to act out today's story by **making a megaphone**. This will remind us of Gabriel's announcement, "Jesus is coming!" Then we're going to take turns acting out Mary and Gabriel from today's story.

DO: Let kids decorate megaphones. They each get **1 sticker** to remind them that a messenger warrior made the announcement. They can color them with **markers** too.

If there is time, choose a "Mary" and a "Gabriel" and let kids act it out two at a time, split the room into two sides--a "Mary" and a "Gabriel"--or have all the kids play one role at once as you review. Here's a basic plotline you can follow (but feel free to get creative—you can even use props from the room for the characters):

- MARY: see Gabriel and act scared
- GABRIEL: "Don't be scared."
- MARY: look shocked
- GABRIEL (loudly): "Jesus is coming!"

QUESTIONS

A large, empty white rectangular area intended for writing questions, framed by a dark blue border.

ACTIVITY

**Extra time? Try out this game to keep kids engaged until their parents arrive:*

Rock Band

Give each kid a paper cup (or let them use the empty one their goldfish were in). Make up beats by:

- tapping the cup on your head, tummy, foot, or knee
- (2) tapping the cup on the table fast
- (3) tapping the cup on the table ...*sloooow*
- (4) adding sound effects like low or high voices, whispers--or any silly noise the kids think is fun
- (5) Making up your own beats!

To mix things up, turn on a CD and keep the beat of the music!

special notes

Engage the kids in the story by waiting and talking about fun ways to send messages. But really stress the GREAT NEWS: Jesus is coming! (And He's the *rescuer*.)

presenter tips

Getting static on your mic? Check the battery level. You'll need the mic to work today so you can create a "booming voice" for Gabriel. (We don't know what Gabriel's voice sounded like...but it *might* have been booming. He was a warrior, after all!)

Replacement batteries are located in the AV rack. Can you hear me now?

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend, HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 4: Share with Others. (approx. 1 minute--provided)

Presenter: (holding up the **Bible** for kids to see) Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. This is God's story—it's God's Rescue plan.

REVIEW

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? It was perfect and beautiful. And God wanted us to live there as his family forever. But then something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sadness and death came into the world. But God had a plan to rescue us.

And I have some REALLY exciting news... today we're going to hear the story of when God told Mary that Jesus—the RESCUER—was coming!

PEOPLE WAITED

Now, God told us he was going to rescue us many, many, many, many (be dramatic) years ago. And for all those years, people were waiting. Can you guys wait with me? I'm going to start a timer. When I do, close your lips, like this (purse your lips). Very good. Let's try waiting. (**Start 15-second timer on slide** and then wait "actively" so the kids can mimic you—cross your arms, tap your foot, twiddle your thumbs. At the buzzer, stop) Whew! That was hard. Imagine doing that for YEARS...and years...and years.



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GOD HAD AN ANNOUNCEMENT

BUT, after many *loooooong* years of waiting, God decided to announce that he was finally sending the Rescuer! Let's find out how he decided to tell his special family that Jesus was finally coming!

Let's see...how can we give someone a special message? Let's find some ways in this box (**open box and pull out the following items one at a time and explain each one quickly: cell phone, picture of a computer (on screen), picture of a TV (on screen), letter**).

- Cell Phone: we might call someone with an important message (pretend to call and say, "Jesus is coming!")
- Computer (**show picture of a computer**): we might send them a message through our computer... "Jesus is coming!"
- TV (**show picture of a TV**): we might create a special message to show on TV to say "Jesus is coming!"
- Letter: we might send someone a special message through the mail in a letter... "Jesus is coming!"
- We might just tell a friend. Turn to somebody next to you and say, "Jesus is coming." (Let kids respond.)

Do you think God announced that he was sending the Rescuer by calling someone on the phone? Or putting a message on TV? (TV image should still be up; pause for responses and remain "mysterious.")

Well, let's find out how God chose to announce this GREAT NEWS!

GABRIEL VISITS MARY

God used an ANGEL. Angels are messenger warriors. Warriors (**hold up shield and sword**)...who give messages! So God sent an angel named Gabriel to give the message, (booming voice with shield and sword held high) "Jesus is coming!"

Gabriel showed up to a girl named Mary. Can you guys say, "Mary?" (Let kids respond.) She lived in a town called Nazareth (**picture of Nazareth**) When she saw Gabriel, she was scared. Can I see your scared face? (Model for the kids.) This is Mary's scared face. (**Show picture of scared Mary.**) But Gabriel said (booming—but gentle—voice): "You don't need to be scared!"

Then Gabriel told Mary the GREAT NEWS! He said, (booming voice): "Mary, you're going to have a baby...a little boy. You will call him Jesus. He is God's own Son." And then he told her the BEST part (booming voice): "He's the Rescuer!"

Finally, the Rescuer....JESUS...was coming!! And soon, we'll hear about what happened when Jesus got here. But for today, let's pray together and thank God for sending the GREAT NEWS that Jesus is coming!

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for sending your special message! Thanks for sending Jesus! We love you! Aaaaaaa-men!



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Now let's sing together! We'll dance and celebrate that Jesus is coming.

Song: ***Great Day
Be Strong***

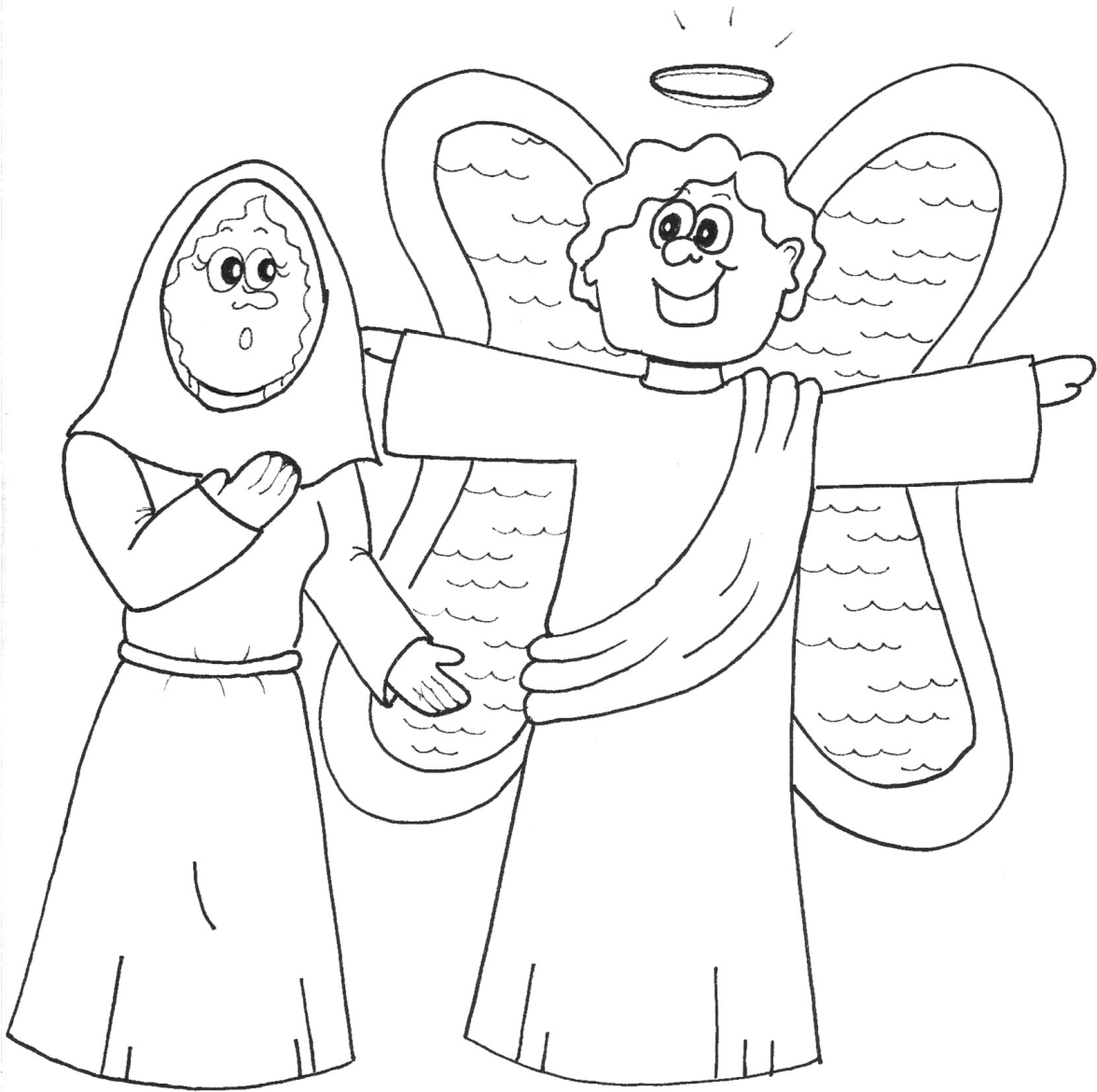
Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)



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PREP needs



small group supplies

- Coloring pages (white out signature)
- 1 foam megaphone shape per kid (OT)
- 1 sticker per kid (small 1.5 in):
http://www.zazzle.com/golden_sword_shield_sticker-217786239413702942
- Plenty of markers

large group supplies

- 1. Jesus Storybook Bible (pg. 176)
 - 2. Box with the following items inside:
 - a. Toy cell phone
 - b. "Letter" – large 18x11 inch paper, folded in half. Inside, please write or print, "Dear
 - 3. Shield
 - 4. Sword
- Family, Jesus is coming! Love, God.

a/v needs

- 1. Video: HOPS 4
- 2. Video (:15 timer countdown with sound):
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqEvleQTpSM>
- 3. Image: computer (jpeg in curriculum folder)
- 4. Image: TV (jpeg in curriculum folder)
- 5. Image Nazareth (jpeg in curriculum folder)
- 6. Image from Jesus Storybook Bible, page 179 (Mary looking scared—no text please)
- 7. Song: Great Day
- 8. Song: Be Strong

special room set-up

None

connect questions

How did God send his special message?
What was the great news?

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Today, we talked about how God sent an angel (or messenger warrior) named Gabriel to tell Mary that Jesus—the rescuer—was coming. We made our own messenger warrior megaphones and acted the story out in small groups. Ask your kids to reenact it for you. You can also read the story together in Luke 1:26-38 or Matthew 1:18-25.