



# 3PK

Nov. 29-30, 2014

DATE

Jesus is Promised (Christmas is coming)

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

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!"



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- While in line, ask kids if they said “thank you” for something this week. Remind them that Thanksgiving is a great time to be thankful, but so is every day. Let’s practice thanking God right now!
  - Lead kids in saying: Thank you, God, for \_\_\_\_\_. They come up with their own ideas or you can lead and have them repeat you. Here are some ideas:
    - A favorite animal
    - The color of the leaves
    - Kids’ Club!
    - Friends to play with
    - Food to eat
    - Etc.

*Practice putting on your “listening ears.” Then remind kids to stay quiet for Large Group and tip-toe in together.*



## 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.)

## small group

***\*Today may work best if you give kids a snack before doing the activity.***

### REVIEW 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!)

### REENACT TO THE STORY:

- How would you guys feel if a messenger warrior angel showed up to you? (Scared, surprised)
- How would you feel if Gabriel told you the GREAT NEWS that "Jesus is coming!" (Excited, happy)

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

### RETELL TODAY'S STORY

- Give each kid a cup (with the bottom cut out). Show them how they can use it as 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.
- Let kids decorate megaphones with **markers**.

- As they finish, 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!”

With any extra time you have, color the **coloring sheet** of Gabriel appearing to Mary!

## special notes

Engage kids in the story by talking about fun ways to send messages. But 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!)

## script

### \*Click to play intro music

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.

### **Video: HOPS 4 Share With Others** (about 1 minute)

Wow, I can't wait to have some fun in Kids' Club today. Before we hear our story, can I see a big thumbs up from everybody who's ready to have some fun? (Let kids respond.) Great job! Now I think we're ready to hear God's story.

### **REVIEW**

Does anybody know the name of this book? (Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) That's right, it's the Bible! This is where we can read about God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world (bring your hands in a circular motion above your head) and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again. We've been talking about how God built a family to send the rescuer through. And I have some GREAT NEWS.



## script continued

**(Show “Christmas” picture.)** Does anybody know what time of year is coming? (Let kids say: Christmas!) That’s right, Christmas!

Christmas is a whole lot of fun. We might see trees, stockings, Santa, reindeer, and other fun things. But you know WHY we celebrate Christmas? Because Jesus the rescuer was born! So when we say “Christmas is coming,” it’s time to talk about hundreds of years ago, when God gave a VERY special message. He told a woman named Mary, “Jesus is coming!” Let’s check it out!

### **GOD HAD AN ANNOUNCEMENT**

“Jesus is coming” is a really important message. Today, 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.”) No, he used an ANGEL.

### **GABRIEL VISITS MARY**

**(Show picture of an angel.)** Now, we don’t know exactly what angels look like, but the Bible tells us they 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 appeared to a girl named Mary. Can you guys say, “Mary?” (Let kids respond.) When she saw Gabriel, she was scared. Can I see your scared face? (Model for the kids.) But Gabriel said (booming—but gentle—voice): “You don’t need to be scared!” Ah, let’s see you relax (let them relax).

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!” Wow, everybody say, “Jesus is coming!” (Let kids say it.)



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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!

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

Song: **Deep and Wide  
Jesus Loves Me**

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.)

Have extra time at the end? Keep on singing! Here are two more entirely optional songs you'll find in today's Keynote:

Song: **Be Strong**  
Song: **Trust in the Lord**

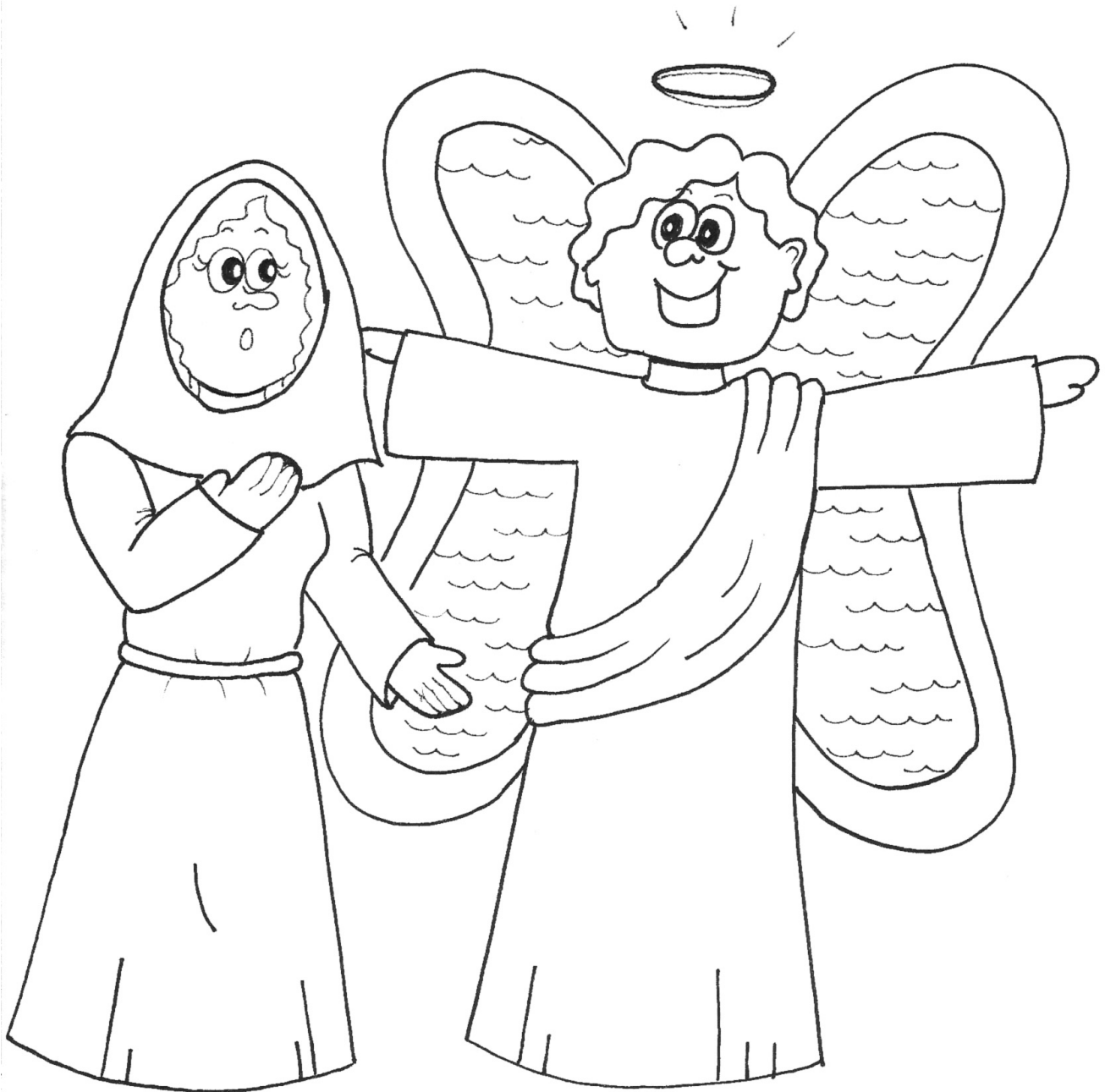


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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

“Thank You” activity – no supplies needed

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## small group supplies

### Per kid

Coloring page: Angel Gabriel and Mary  
“Megaphone” (paper cup with the bottom cut out; can use [mrtakeoutbags.com](http://mrtakeoutbags.com): search “4755”)

### Per group

Markers  
Jesus Storybook Bible (p. 176)

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## large group supplies

1. Jesus Storybook Bible (p. 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 Family, Jesus is coming! Love, God.

3. Shield and sword

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## a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: Fall HOPS 4, <http://vimeo.com/99633584>
3. Image: Christmas picture
4. Image: computer (jpeg in curriculum folder)
5. Image: TV (jpeg in curriculum folder)
6. Image: angel
7. Song: Deep and Wide
8. Song: Jesus Loves Me (with hand motions); <http://vimeo.com/44164426>
9. Song: Be strong
10. Song: Trust in the Lord

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## connect questions

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

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## parent page

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.