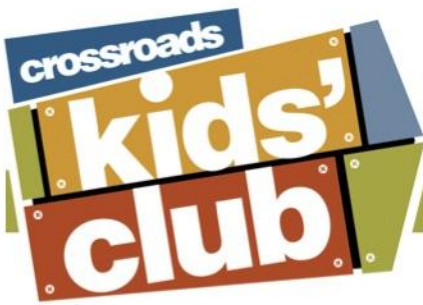


Preschool



December 10-11, 2016

DATE

Waiting for the king.

LESSON TITLE

Luke 1-2

WHERE TO FIND IT

The long-awaited king arrives.

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

tips

As we get closer to Christmas, build up excitement for Jesus' birth with kids! Remind them of who he is, and how amazing it was when he came to rescue the world!

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to act out their favorite part of today's story about the King.

large group heads up

Today, we'll continue to hear about the long-awaited arrival of our Rescuer, Jesus!



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.
- Tell kids that we're going to hear more this week about the story of our Rescuer—Jesus!
- Lead kids in acting out parts of the story we're about to hear:
 - There's going to be a special baby born. (Pretend to rock a baby.)
 - Angels announced that he was coming! (Pretend to play a trumpet and say "duh-duh-duh-duh"!))
 - When he is born, people are going to JUMP for joy! (Jump.)
 - Shepherds will RUN to worship him. (Run in place.)
 - Wise men will bow and bring him gifts (Bow and pretend to place a gift down.)
 - The baby's name is...can anybody guess? (Let kids say: Jesus! Then YELL his name, whisper his name, say his name facing backwards, say his name while spinning around, etc.)

As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind them that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand that people waited for the king (Jesus) and (2) rejoice that the king has come!

Why? God's Rescuer changed EVERYTHING. We want to build kids' excitement as Christmas gets closer and closer!

Tip: Today's images have text printed on the back; use it as you tell the story during the Small Group activity!

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Who were people waiting for? (The king/rescuer—Jesus!)
2. Who did God choose to be Jesus' mom? (Mary.)
3. Where was baby Jesus born? (Outside with animals.)
4. Who appeared in the sky to tell the shepherds that Jesus was born? (Angels.)
5. What did the shepherds do when they heard the king had come? (They rejoiced and jumped for joy! They ran to see Jesus and tell everybody the good news!)
6. Who followed a star and brought gifts to Jesus, to worship him? (The wise men.)
7. When do we celebrate Jesus' birth? (Christmas!)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Hold up the following **images** while retelling the story, and whenever kids hear the word, "Jesus", they should clap/cheer and yell, "Yay!" (Make sure that whenever you say Jesus' name, you emphasize the word and give kids a few seconds to respond):
 - **(Image: Angels.)** The angels told Mary that **Jesus** was coming!
 - **(Image: Mary and Joseph.)** Mary and Joseph had to travel a long way.
 - **(Image: Jesus in a manger.)** **Jesus** was born outside with the animals.
 - **(Image: The shepherds.)** The angels told the shepherds that **Jesus** was here. They celebrated, and told everybody else!
 - **(Image: The wise men.)** The wise men followed a star to find **Jesus**, and bring him gifts.
 - **(Image: Everybody worships.)** Everyone worshipped **Jesus** as their new king!

*Extra time? Have kids do a **coloring sheet**. After that, play a Nativity game! Make a circle. Choose one person to be the leader (be the leader first to show kids how it's done). The leader names an animal that might have been at the place Jesus was born and then everybody imitates that animal! Be as loud and crazy as you want. Do sounds, movements, or both!*

special notes

Here's a link to a special music video we'll be watching, "Love Crashed into the World."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRt8RGwLVDw>

presenter tips

You'll notice an unusual amount of video clips in today's lesson! The clips are all fairly short, but will help you teach different parts of the story!

script

WELCOME AND INTRO

Main Goal: Review the beginning of God's story and rescue plan.

Notes:

- ***Click to play intro music.**
- **Say:** Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS.
- **Video: HOPS Obey your leaders!**
- **Say:** (Holding up the **Bible**.) *This* is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible.") That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan. It shows us how He rescued us from all the wrong things in the world.
- **Say:** In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. He created the sun and the moon, the water and the land, the plants and the animals, and people like you and me! Everything was good. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)
- **Say:** But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve, and you and me, could be close to God again! Do you know who the Rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!)

THE ANGELS

Main Goal: See how God sent special messengers to the world to announce Jesus' arrival!

- **Say:** Remember, the people had to wait...and wait...and wait for the Rescuer. But finally, he came! Today, we're going to hear some more of his story.
- **Say:** First, God sent angels to give a special message to the world. Angels are God's messenger warriors. They announced some very important things throughout God's Story, and now, we're going to hear the most important announcement of all! Let's see the angels right now.
- **(Clip: Angels.)**

WAITING FOR THE KING

Main Goal: See how much God's family wanted their rescuer to come!

- **Say:** Now many years ago, people were waiting for the king that God had promised. Angels watched as these people waited for their coming king.
- **Say:** The people waited and waited. They became impatient and began to cry, "Where is our king that God promised? When will he come and rescue us?"
- **(Clip: Sad crowd.)** They waited and waited. And then God sent angels to deliver the message!

MARY AND JOSEPH

Main Goal: Understand how God chose Mary and Joseph to help bring Jesus into the world.

- **(Image: Mary.)** God sent one angel to a woman named Mary. Can you say, "Mary"? (Let kids respond.) The angel told her, "Jesus is coming!" (Ask kids to say "Jesus is coming!" as loud as they can.) God chose Mary to be Jesus' mom. Mary was scared at first, but then, she was so excited! (Act really excited and happy!)
- **(Image: Joseph.)** Mary was going to marry a guy named Joseph. Can you say, "Joseph"? (Let kids respond.) At first, he didn't believe that Jesus was really coming. Can you give me a sad face? (Let kids respond.) But then, God showed Joseph that Jesus was real, and he was on his way! So Joseph and Mary got married, and got ready to bring Jesus into the world.
- **(Clip: Mary and Joseph.)** When Mary was about to give birth, they had to travel a loooong way. Let's all stand and pretend to walk! (Let kids respond.) When they finally got to their hometown, it was so crowded, that there was no place to sleep! Say, "Oh no!" (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** After looking at every possible place, they found a place to stay the night....outside, with lots of smelly animals! Ew! But then, finally, at long last, Jesus was born!
- **(Clip: Mary/Joseph/Jesus.)**

EVERYBODY WORSHIPS THE KING

Main Goal: See how shepherds and wise men worshipped baby Jesus as the new king!

- **Say:** When Jesus was born, angels told shepherds in the field that Jesus, the king, was finally here. The shepherds danced and sang and worshipped! After that, wise men came from faaaar away to worship Jesus, and give him gifts!
- **(Clip: Wise Men and Shepherds.)**
- **Say:** The shepherds were SO excited, that they ran to see baby Jesus as fast as they could! Let's all pretend to run in our seats. (Let kids respond.) Good job!
- **Say:** Everybody crowded around Jesus, and worshipped him as their Rescuer. They were so excited that he was finally here, as little baby Jesus!
- **(Clip: Worshipping Jesus)**

WRAP UP AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Help kids interact through prayer and worship!

- **Ask:** Are YOU all excited that God sent Jesus to the world? (Let kids respond.) Me too. And guess what? We get to celebrate Jesus' birthday every year, at Christmas! Let's pray right now, and tell Jesus how glad we are that he came to rescue us.
- **Pray (Breaking it into small, repeatable phrases):** Dear Jesus. We're so happy that you came to rescue us. We love to celebrate you. Aaaa-men!
- **Set up worship:** Let's celebrate Jesus some more with singing and dancing! Everybody stand, and let's worship God!
- **Music Video: Jesus Loves Me**
- **Music Video: Come With Me**
- **Song: Deep and Wide**

PREP needs



connect time supplies

“Act the Story” game - no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per group: Bible, markers, one set of images printed in color on 8.5x11 cardstock, double sided, text in parenthesis on back of each image

(Image: Angels.) (Page 10)

(Text) The angels told Mary that Jesus was coming! (Page 11)

(Image: Mary and Joseph.) (Page 12)

(Text) Mary and Joseph had to travel a long way. (Page 13)

(Image: Jesus in a manger.) (Page 14)

(Text) Jesus was born outside with the animals. (Page 15)

(Image: The shepherds.) (Page 16)

(Text) The angels told the shepherds that Jesus was here. They celebrated, and told everybody else! (Page 17)

(Image: The wise men.) (Page 18)

(Text) The wise men followed a star to find Jesus, and bring him gifts. (Page 19)

(Image: Everybody worships.) (Page 20)

(Text) Everyone worshipped Jesus as their new king! (Page 21)

large group supplies

Per Group: Bible

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. HOPS: Obey your leaders! (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cd43Tf_J1lg&feature=youtu.be)
3. Clip: Angels (0:10-0:30; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRt8RGwLVDw>)
4. Clip: Sad Crowd (0:30-42; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRt8RGwLVDw>)
5. Image: Mary
6. Image: Joseph
7. Clip: Mary and Joseph (1:12-1:26; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRt8RGwLVDw>)
8. Clip: Mary, Joseph and Jesus (1:27-2:22; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRt8RGwLVDw>)
9. Clip: Wise Men and Shepherds (2:51-3:26; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRt8RGwLVDw>)
10. Clip: Worshipping Jesus (3:27-4:25; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRt8RGwLVDw>)
11. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tguQFR95Nms>)
12. Music Video: Come With Me (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1DtCRDhvlE>)
13. Song: Deep and Wide (KC/SM media videos songs>songs>songs with slides)

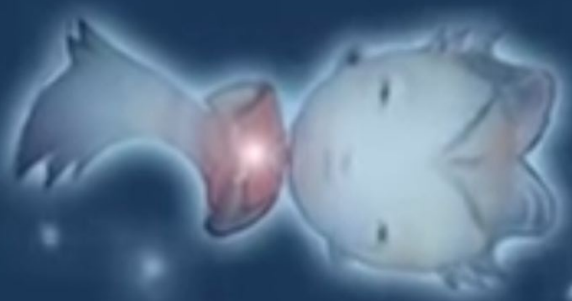
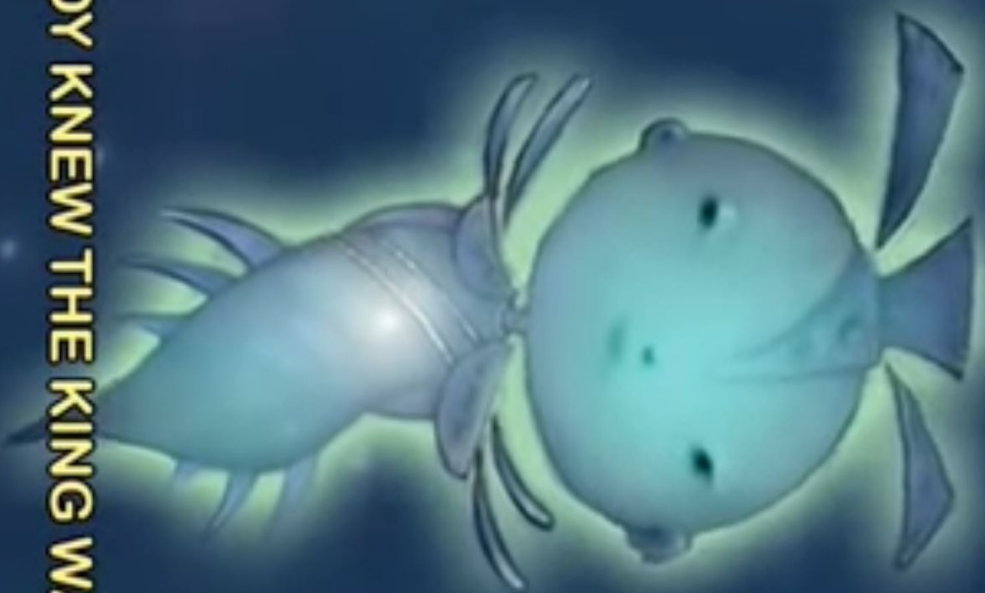
connect questions

Tell me about the angels.

Who came to worship the new king?

name _____





EVERYBODY KNEW THE KING WAS COMING SOON

The angels told Mary that Jesus was coming!

BIG SPLASH BIG THING



Mary and Joseph had to travel a long way.

BABY LOVE CRASHED INTO THE WORLD



Jesus was born outside with the animals.

OH THE ANGELS TOLD THE SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELD



The angels told the shepherds that Jesus was here. They celebrated, and told everybody else!



AND THE STAR DID GLOW AND WISE MEN DID APPEAR

The wise men followed a star to find Jesus, and bring him gifts.



AND THEN LO AND BEHOLD THE PEOPLE BEGAN TO HEAR

Everyone worshipped Jesus as their new king!