

Preschool Winter
Lesson 1:
An Angel Brings Good News

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Learn that angels came to tell Mary the happy news that she was going to have a boy
- 2) See that Mary was going to have a baby – Jesus, God’s Son (**Luke 1:26-38**)

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- Use lots of visuals and actions to keep children’s attention.
- Allow them to color a page while you read the story if they are unable to stay focused for very long
- Break up the lesson if needed by singing songs or doing an “active” game in a different order if they need to get up and move around
- Help students stay focused by going through sheets in order and helping them follow by pointing to your page where they should be focused.
- Sit beside children who are fidgety to help them stay focused.
- Learn their names – the best way to get someone back on track is to call them by name
- Remember to say “Please” and “Thank you” this is important for them to learn and see.

Supplies: Check with coordinator to ensure supplies are ready.

All sheets, templates, and booklets will be on CD.

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Bibles to share (make sure each child has access to a small Bible to use)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Chart – one per student printed on construction or cardstock paper
- Thumbtacks – if hanging attendance charts on the wall
- Songs for Winter Quarter – printed out - one set for class
- Scissors – to cut out stickers before class
- Visit From and Angel Sheet – one per student
- Glue sticks to share
- Tape to share
- Paper fastener brads – one per student
- String – 6 inches long – one per student
- Mary and Angel Stickers Sheet – one sticker of Mary and Angel per student, 2 sets on a page
- Happy News from God Sheet- one per student
- Angel Stickers Sheet – one sticker per student, 4 on a page

Depending on time choose some optional activities to do and gather supplies

- Small piece of cloth – one per student as blanket for baby Jesus
- Gold glitter or gold glitter glue plus a box with lid to put extra glitter into as it falls off
- Optional Color Page (or you can use as a visual aid) – one per student
- Letter in an envelope, Toy telephone or old cell phone, Newspaper, and Bible – one per class
- Four pieces of cloth or paper to cover each item above – letter, phone, paper, Bible
- Flashlight – one per class
- Angel and Mary Stickers Template – cut out and printed on cardstock to use as Popsicle stick people – one of each for each student (Keep these in class as you will use them again)
- Popsicle sticks – two per student – one for Mary and one for Angel
- Tape to share – to tape the stick to the cardstock stickers
- Bibles – one per child
- Snack – Bible Book shaped snack such as rectangle shaped cheese or crackers – enough so each child gets some along with a napkin and a glass of water

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson:

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Share with students, **"My name is _____ and I will be your teacher this quarter. Here is _____ my assistant to help. This quarter we are going to learn about Jesus as a young boy. We learn this from the Bible (show a Bible). In the Bible we learn that God loves us and sent His Son Jesus to help us! A baby's birth is always good news. The birth of baby Jesus was especially good news! Let's all say the Bible Words – God sent His Son."** (Have students repeat – God sent His Son!)

Let's sing some songs to get us started!

God Loves

God loves _____, Yes He does!

God loves _____, Yes He does!

God loves _____, just this way

And He loves (him/her) everyday!

*Fill in name of each child in the room one at a time.

The B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E, yes that's the book for me.

I stand alone on the Word of God,

The B-I-B-L-E.

Chorus

Oh the Bible will never fail, never fail, never fail.

The Bible will never fail – no, no, no!

The B-I-B-L-E, yes that's the book for me.

I read and pray, trust and obey,

The B-I-B-L-E.

(Chorus)

Hand out one Bible to each child. Say to students. **The Bible is VERY special. Do you know why? Because it is God's! God made the Bible for us and the Bible has all of God's Words that He wants us to read and they are put in the Bible. Isn't that wonderful? God made the Bible for each and every one of us! God loves us very much and wanted each one of us to have a Bible to read, to use and to study His wonderful words.**

Let's all say "Thank you God for our Bibles!" Have students say it together. **Good job! Let me gather your Bibles while I ask you a question...**

2) Happy News for Mary

10-15 minutes

Before class: have the toy phone, letter, Bible and newspaper hidden under one cloth/paper each on a table where students can see before class.

During class ask:

I wonder what is under each cloth? Remove each cloth to reveal the phone, paper, Bible and letter. Say: **You know – we can get news from each of these things. Sometimes we can get bad news. Sometimes we can get good news. Let's hear some very good news from the Bible – God's Word.**

Pick up your Bible. Say, **When I say the word "angel" I want you to make an angel with your fingers by locking your thumbs and holding your fingertips to make wings.** (Show students how) Turn off the lights so it is fairly dark – not so dark they can't see but dark enough that when you turn on the flashlight it will be noticed.

Say: **In the Bible, we read about a young woman named Mary. God had good news for Mary.** (Turn on flashlight). **God sent an angel (make angel with hands) to Mary.** (Put hands down)

The angel (make angel) said to Mary, “God has sent me to tell you some good news. You are going to be a mother. God is going to give you a special baby. He will be God’s own Son. His name will be Jesus. (Put hands down)

Mary was surprised! She was happy to hear this good news. The angel (make angel) left. (Put hands down, turn off flashlight). Then Mary thanked God for this very happy news.

Questions:

Who did God send with good news? An angel!

What was the name of the lady God sent the angel to? Mary

What was the good news? God was going to send her a baby boy, whose name was Jesus – He is God’s Son!

Mary was happy because God was going to send her a baby boy, whose name was Jesus – He is God’s Son!

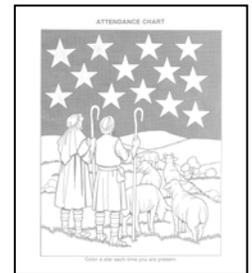
This is happy news for us too! It is the reason why we are happy every Sunday when we come to church – we remember Jesus – God’s Son and we thank God for Jesus!

Let’s all say – Thank you God for Jesus! (Have students repeat)

3) Attendance Chart

2-5 minutes

Hand out one attendance chart to each student as they arrive. Ask them how to spell their name if they know and write their name on the top right corner of each of their charts. Let each child pick one crayon to color **ONLY ONE STAR**. Explain that, **“Each time you come to Sunday school, you can color in one star to show that you were here today. There are 13 stars on the sheet, so if you come all 13 times, all the stars will be colored! You can pick any of the stars to color, but you can only color one today – everyone understand? Good. Let’s all color one star and then we will take our charts and hang them (or you can keep them in the binder for each week and hand them out). Good job everyone!**



Ask students to put their crayons away before moving onto the next activity.

4) Happy News From God Sheet

10 minutes

Before class: Print angel stickers and cut out. One sticker per student, there are 4 on a page. Gather glue sticks and crayons.

*Optional gold glitter for angel and or small cloth for baby blanket

During class: Say: **In the Bible we learn that God loves us and sent His Son Jesus to help us! A baby’s birth is always good news. The birth of baby Jesus was especially good news!** Hand out one sheet per student. Read the words on the page and talk about who is in the picture. Fold the page on the dotted line where baby Jesus is so that the angel and Mary are touching. Fold on the other two dotted lines so that the paper folds back. Help each student one at a time and have them watch you to see “what happens”! It will look like the angel and Mary are talking and when you open the page it will show baby Jesus in the middle!
Once the folding is done, let students scribble-color the page and then with glue add the Angel sticker. Let students pretend that the Angel and Mary are talking and fold the paper back and forth to reveal baby Jesus.



***Optional:** Spread glue over the angel. Shake gold glitter over the glue. Allow to dry; then shake off excess glitter into a box lid. Or, glue a piece of cloth over Mary's shawl or over baby Jesus as a blanket.

Now that we are done, let's all help clean up by putting our crayons and other things away!

Thank those students who choose to help and praise them for helping to encourage other students to want to help as well.

Clean Up Song

Clean up, clean up
Everybody everywhere!
Clean up, clean up
Everybody do your share!
Repeat

Jesus is the Son of God

Tune: London Bridge

Jesus is the Son of God, Son of God, Son of God.
Jesus is the Son of God. Thank you God for Jesus!

Happy News

Tune: London Bridge

An angel brought Mary happy news,
Happy news, happy news.
An angel brought Mary happy news,
The Bible tells me so.

5) Action Rhyme and Songs

5 minutes

Now that we made our attendance chart. Let's do some action rhymes about the Bible!

Jesus Grows Up Action Rhyme

Jesus was a Little Baby
(Hold arms as if rocking a baby)
Just like me.
(Point to self)
First he was so very small.
(Squat on floor)
Then he grew to be so tall.
(Stand on tiptoes)
Very small, oh so tall
(Squat then stand)
Just like me.
(Point to self)

Action Rhyme - Here is the Bible

Here is the Bible (hold hands out with palms
together like a book)
Let's open it wide (hold hands like an open
book)
God speaks to us (point upward)
On the pages inside (hold hands like an open
book)

Smile, Mary, Smile

Tune: Are You Listening

Smile, Mary smile
Smile, Mary smile
Happy news, happy news!
You will have a baby, He is God's Son.
Smile, Mary smile - happy news!

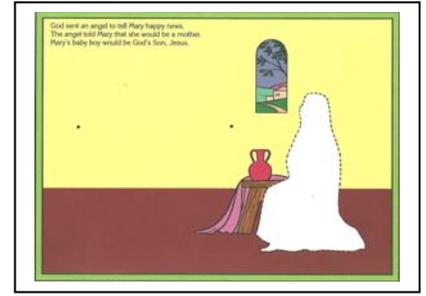
Smile, Mary smile
Smile, Mary smile
Happy news, happy news!
God's Son Jesus - will bring joy.
Smile, Mary smile - happy news!

6) Visit From an Angel Activity Sheet

10 minutes

Before class: Print Mary and angel stickers and cut out. One set per student, there are 2 sets on a page. Gather glue sticks, crayons, brads, a 6' length of string and tape.

During class: Hand out one sheet per student. Read the words on the page and talk about who is in the picture. Have students glue the Mary sticker on the page with glue. Then using the black circle on the left as a guide, push the brad through the angel's middle and into the circle and attach at the back so that the angel can move back and forth. Take the string and tape; then tape one end of the string to the black circle in the middle of the page and then tape the other end to the upper back of the angel so that when the students gently pull the string, the top half of the angel leans forward.



Now that we are done, let's all help clean up by putting our crayons and other things away!

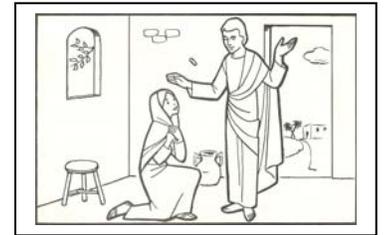
Thank those students who choose to help and praise them for helping to encourage other students to want to help as well.

7) Optional: Color Page

10 minutes

Hand out one color page to each student with crayons. Talk about the picture and what is going on. Talk about how happy we are when we get good news and how happy Mary was when she heard the good news that she was going to have a baby boy – Jesus – God's Son!

Ask students to help clean up before moving on to the next optional activities if there is time.



8) Optional: Bible Action Game

1-2 minutes

Best Book of All – Rhyme

Books, books, big and small;
What's the very best book of all?
THE BIBLE!

(Repeat several times and hold up the Bible each time)

9) Optional: Mary and Angel – We Can Pretend about the Happy News 5-10 minutes

Before class: Cut out one Mary and one angel sticker per student printed out on cardstock or heavy construction paper. Tape a Popsicle stick to the back of each so that the children can hold the bottom of the stick and move Mary and the angel around. Pass around one Mary and Angel Popsicle Stick people to each child and let them pretend and go through the account of Mary hearing the happy news from the angel.

Say, **“The Bible is from God. The Bible says He sent His Son Jesus. We need to remember to always thank God for Jesus – His Son. While we play with Mary and the angel, let's remember that God loves us very much and sent His son.**

Then while they play, open your Bible and say: **God sent His Son Jesus! (1 John 4:10)**

Do the following rhyme with your Bible:

Best Book of All – Rhyme
Books, books, big and small;
What’s the very best book of all?
THE BIBLE!

(Repeat several times and hold up the Bible each time)

Let students play with the Popsicle Stick People and then clean up.

10) Optional: Snack – Bible shaped snack

5-10 minutes

“You’ve all done a great job this morning learning about God’s Word – the Bible. To help us remember, we are going to have a snack in the shape of the Bible.” Hand out a book-shaped snack to each child, like a piece of cheese in a rectangle shape, a piece of bread or crackers and glass of water to each child. Explain, **“The snack today looks like a book – today we learned that the Bible is God’s special book that He made for each and every one of us in the book the Bible we read that Jesus is God’s Son. Let’s think about how wonderful God is for giving us the Bible and Jesus as we enjoy our book/Bible snacks! Enjoy!”** Talk about where we have Bibles today – in our homes, at the church building, when we go to Bible studies, etc. After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

11) Sing

5-10 minutes

Have children sing songs with you, you can sing from the Winter Quarter Songs provided as well.

With Jesus in the Family

(Show dolls if available of each family member while singing)

With Daddy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Daddy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

With Mommy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Mommy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

With Brother in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Brother in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

With Sister in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Sister in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

With Baby in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Baby in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

Jesus is the Son of God

Tune: London Bridge

Jesus is the Son of God, Son of God, Son of God.

Jesus is the Son of God. Thank you God for Jesus!

Happy News

Tune: London Bridge

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Happy news, happy news.

An angel brought Mary happy news,

The Bible tells me so.

12) Close in prayer

Tell students that **we are going to pray, to pray we need to put down everything and fold our hands and bow our heads like this** (show students). **This way we can hear and listen to the prayer and when we sit quietly and focus on God – it makes God happy! We learn this in God's Word the Bible.**

First: Ask if there are prayer requests that kids want to share. Make a list. Then give the list to the assistant or read yourself.

Second: Remind students to fold hands and bow heads then: Thank God that He created the world and gave us the Bible. Thank you God that we can know what God wants us to do by reading His special Words – the Bible. Thank you God for sending Your Son Jesus. Help us to remember to make God happy by coming to worship Him every Sunday. Thank God for everyone here today and for those that couldn't be. In Jesus' name, Amen.

13) Remind students

To take home their sheets. Thank them for coming and ask them to help clean up before they leave.

14) Greet Parents at door – Hand out take home chart to each parent

Ensure all students go to parents or if some students remain have teacher assistant help you take them to their parents.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!