

Unit 3 at a Glance

Jesus

Unit Overview

In this unit the children will study the birth and early years of Jesus. Starting with his incredible conception through his birth, boyhood and up to his baptism, the children will become familiar with the many people and events that shaped Jesus' early life. In addition, the children will learn of the special father and son relationship between God and Jesus.

Unit Goals

- The children will identify specific events and people from Jesus' birth and childhood.
- The children will state that God and Jesus are father and son.
- The children will imitate godly characteristics of those studied including: obedience, humility, serving and sharing.

Unit Contents

Lesson 1 The Angel

Scripture Memory Verse: Matthew 3:17
"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

The children will become acquainted with the story of Mary, Joseph and the angel(s) which visited each of them. They will learn that God chose Mary and Joseph to be Jesus' parents. They will also study the obedient character of Mary and identify ways in which they can be obedient to God.

Lesson 2 Mary Visits Elizabeth

Scripture Memory Verse: Matthew 3:17
"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

The children will learn about Mary, Elizabeth, their special friendship and the special bond their babies shared. The children will identify ways in which they can be great friends to others.

Lesson 3 Jesus Is Born

Scripture Memory Verse: Matthew 3:17
"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

This lesson tells of the humble birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The children will study the character of the shepherds that spread the "good news" of Jesus' birth, and they will be encouraged to tell others about Jesus.

Lesson 4 Escape

Scripture Memory Verse: Matthew 3:17
"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

The children will learn about King Herod's plot to harm Jesus and the flight of his parents to Egypt. In this lesson God's power to protect is emphasized as the children identify ways that God protects them.

Lesson 5 Simeon and Anna

Scripture Memory Verse: John 3:16
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son."

The children will hear of the day that baby Jesus was presented at the temple. They will identify Anna and Simeon as servants of God. The children will also identify ways that they can serve others.

Lesson 6 Jesus in the Temple

Scripture Memory Verse: John 3:16
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son."

This lesson details the remarkable story of Jesus as a boy in the temple. The children will explain what worship means. They will also be encouraged to invite their friends to church to worship God with them.

Lesson 7 John the Baptist

Scripture Memory Verse: John 3:16
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son."

The children will learn about John the Baptist. In this lesson John's ministry and his humility toward Jesus are highlighted as the children identify ways that they can be humble with others.

Lesson 8 Review

Scripture Memory Verses: Matthew 3:17; John 3:16
This lesson reviews the material covered in the entire unit.





Dear Parent,

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On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Have a "baby picture night" where you show your child his own baby pictures. Explain to him that Jesus was God's baby that he sent to us. Show him pictures of yourself, too!
- Have fun reading or acting out the Bible stories week-by-week with your child. For example, one week at bath time, have your child pretend to be John the Baptist and "baptize" their bath toys. Remind your child of the Biblical facts of the stories as you play together.
- To celebrate the real meaning of Christmas have your child give up something of value, such as a favorite toy, for another child who does not have as much. Emphasize that since God gave us Jesus we can give our best, too!

We look forward to being partners with you as together we help plant Seeds of Faith in the heart and mind of your child.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers

