

MD KIDS CURRICULUM: LUKE

Week 2: Angel Visits & Luke (Luke 1:5-38) Preschool Lesson

To the Teacher:

The Christmas season is a time kids are looking forward to all kinds of things; presents, treats, time with family, time off from school. This story takes us to a time when God's people were looking forward to His rescue and salvation. Still, when the time had come for this news, it was almost too good to be true. As a teacher, you have the opportunity to help kids see what good news we have in Jesus, how he's better than everything else, and to show them what it looks like to believe the news of his salvation.

Big Idea and Missio Basic: God sends good news to all...and some find it hard to believe. But we know that God is always true and trustworthy.

Starter Ideas: You may choose to set up all or some of these activity centers for the children to play with or do as they arrive. Help children with the activities. Kids can stay in one center or travel to more than one.

1. Coloring page: Use [this pdf](#) for the mouth on each side. The zipper side symbolizes Zechariah's mouth being shut for unbelief, while the smiley face symbolizes the good news Mary received. The kids can draw in the rest of the face however they want.
2. Free Play: Allow the kids to play with the classroom toys. (dolls, basketball, cars, tea party set, dress up, etc)
3. 'Nothing is Impossible'
The following tasks are considered (near) impossible for humans to complete. Try out these 'simple' tests to see if anyone of the kids can complete them. Ideas: twitch your nose without moving their face, wiggling your ears, lick your elbow. When kids are not able to do these tasks, remind kids that there are some things our bodies just can't do, but God can do anything.

Circle Time: When all the kids have arrived and have had time to participate in at least one center, walk around the room and have each child follow you around the circle until you have a line with

everyone in it. Lead them to the circle for prayer time. (Like playing follow the leader.)

Welcome Song: (To the tune of “Are You Sleeping?”)

Welcome, [Name]

Welcome, [Name]

Hear God’s Word

Hear God’s Word

We can trust in Jesus.

We can trust in Jesus.

Welcome, friends.

Welcome, friends.

Repeat until every kid and adult has been welcomed.

Jesus taught us to share peace. We share peace in a special way by repeating Jesus’ special words. Jesus used these words of peace when the disciples were scared. Jesus said, “Peace be with you.” We share the peace of Jesus. During worship we can say, “Peace be with you.”

Make sure kids are sitting in a circle on the floor. Kneel down in front of each person/kid and share God’s peace by shaking their hand and saying, “Peace be with you.” Remember to honor those kids who do not want to be touched! **Let’s all say Jesus’ words of peace. “Peace be with you.”** Repeat a few times before moving on to prayer.

Prayer Time:

Praying for Others: Ask the kids if they have anything that they would like to have prayed for. Share requests and then have someone pray for them. Remind the kids to pray for friends throughout the week.

Praying Together: (*touch your nose for ‘smell’, your ears for ‘hear’, etc.*)
*God, help us use our **ears** to **hear** you, our **eyes** to **see** you, and our **brains** to **understand** your word. Thank you Jesus that you live in a body like ours.*

Story: from Luke 1:5-38

[READ]

Years and years had passed since God chose the people of Israel to be his representatives to all the other nations. During this time, his people were waiting for God to send the Rescuer he promised to heal the world, but often they failed to live the way God called them to. Because they failed to live in

God's kingdom and tried to build their own, they were eventually taken over by the kingdom of Rome.

During the time Rome was in control, God sent an angel named Gabriel to two people with an incredible message of good news. The first was a man named Zechariah, who was a priest for God's people. He and his wife, Elizabeth, both followed God's ways but they were sad that they were getting very old and still had no children. The second was Elizabeth's cousin, Mary, who was only a young girl and had not yet been married.

When Gabriel appeared to Zechariah, Zechariah was afraid, but Gabriel told him not to fear. God had heard his prayers and was going to give he and Elizabeth a son, who they would name John. John was going to be a great man, filled with God's Spirit, to get God's people ready for the true King to come. Zechariah had a hard time believing this, so because he doubted the angel took away his voice so he could not speak until John was born.

When Gabriel appeared to Mary, she was confused, but Gabriel told her not to fear. God was very happy with her and was going to give her a son, even though she wasn't even married yet, whose name would be Jesus. Jesus would be the greatest of all, born to Mary by God's Spirit, and would bring God's kingdom and rule it forever. Mary wasn't sure how this could happen, but she believed God could do anything and was willing to do whatever God asked her to.

[Some Things to Point Out]

- Remind kids where we're at in the Story
 - Creation, Rebellion, Promise, Redemption, Church, Restoration
 - This is the moment right before Christ enters in - God's people have been waiting for God's Promise of Redemption to come.

Snack Time: Let's take a big stretch! Pause for kids to stretch and get the wiggles out. Clean the table for snack time. Help the kids wash hands together before delving into today's snack. Sing songs while you wash hands. You can give them each a wipe or a squirt of hand sanitizer. Have the children have a seat at the table. Today's snack is goldfish or veggie straws. Make sure none of the kids have an allergy to them. Begin passing out the napkins, goldfish or veggie straws, and cups of water.

BLESS Activity:

For kids to do during the week

The angel brought a blessing from the Lord to Zechariah and Mary. Find a way to Bless somebody this week. You can draw a picture for someone, help your parents clean the house, or share your toys with your brother or sister.

Optional playground time: If you have extra time please feel free to take the kids to the playground. Please be mindful that 2-4's playground time does not start until 5:30PM.

Closing Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for your word, The Bible.

Help us to trust that your word is true.

Thank you God, Jesus and Holy Spirit.