

# Year 6

## God is Lord and King 3 Weeks



### Outcomes

At the completion of this module students will understand that:

- God is in charge of the whole world
- Christmas is a special time when we remember when God sent Jesus into the world as part of his big plan for the world
- Baby Jesus was God's son. This means that although he was a human baby, he was also God.
- The birth of Jesus was prophesied in the Old Testament.

### Related classroom topics for Science, Social Studies and Health:

World geography – countries and continents

### Link between "God is Lord and King" and classroom topic:

Discuss with children that God is in control of the whole universe. That is, our world, the sun and the stars. He tells the sun the time to set. He makes the tides because the moon is under His control, (Ps 104:19). Because God is looking after our world, He looks after the people that He made. He sent His son Jesus into the world so that every person in the whole world could have the opportunity of knowing the true God.

### Values:

faith; respect for truth

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## Christmas Week 1

### Who is Jesus? Who is God?

#### **Bible references**

Psalm 24:10 Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

1 Timothy 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Revelation 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh, he has this name written: King of kings and Lord of lords.

Exodus 3:14-15 I am who I am.

The Names of Jesus: John 6:48-51, John 8:12, John 10:7-9, John 10:14-16, John 11:25-26, John 14:6, and John 15:1-2

#### **Bible Lesson:**

##### **Part 1: God is a King above all kings**

Ask the students what they know about a king. What is his job? How would you describe him?

Read Psalm 24:10. What kind of a king is God? (*He has authority over the whole world; should be respected and honoured; knows what is best for His people*)

Read 1 Timothy 1:17 what else do we find out about God from this verse? The meaning of immortal is "living forever".

Read Revelation 19:16. This verse tells us about when Jesus will come again to rule the earth. He is and always will be King of kings and Lord of lords.

##### **Part 2: A Burning Bush and God's Forever Name**

Exodus 3:14-15 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you. God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob- has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation." Exodus 3:14-15

In Exodus 3 we read about how God called Moses. He was keeping watch over sheep, when all of a sudden he was staring at a bush that was on fire. But this bush was different from any burning bush he had ever seen. It did not burn up. Then God called Moses' name!

God asked Moses to not only take off his shoes, but to save His people, the Israelites, who were slaves in Egypt. Moses was afraid and didn't think he was capable of such a big job. Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'the God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

Let's find out God's answer to Moses. (Students can look up Exodus 3:14.) "God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."

What did God mean by this? "I AM" means that He has always existed, even before the creation. He still exists now. And He will always exist and be there, forever and ever and ever. In Hebrews 13:8, it says that Jesus is the same, "yesterday and today and forever." The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are three parts of the one true God.

### **Part 3: The Names of Jesus (The I AM sayings of Jesus)**

John 6:48-51 I AM the Bread of Life

Your body needs food to live but food won't get you to heaven. Your heart needs Jesus. When we accept Jesus into our heart, we will live forever. Plus, He makes it so that we are satisfied.

John 8:12 I AM the Light of the World

This world is dark with sin, but Jesus gives us light. He takes our sin away and shows us how to walk in the dark and where to go next.

John 10:7-9 I AM the Gate for the Sheep

In the sheep pen, the shepherd was like a gate or a door, letting sheep in and protecting them. Jesus is the gate to God – the only one. We have to go through the gate (or door) to see God and be saved from our sins.

John 10:14-16 I AM the Good Shepherd

Just like a shepherd takes care of sheep, Jesus takes care of us. He will do anything to save His sheep, even die for them. And that's what He had to do so that we might have life.

John 11:25-26 I AM the Resurrection and the Life

When Jesus rose again, He defeated death. Death doesn't have to make us afraid anymore, if we have Jesus in our heart. Not only that, but Jesus is life! Those who follow Him have, "Life to the full!"

John 14:6 I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus is the only way to God. He is everything true. He is life for those who follow Him!

John 15:5 I AM the True Vine

Jesus is the vine, His followers are the branches. The branches need to have the vine to grow. If they don't, they're going to fall off and be of no good. We all need to stay connected to Jesus (through His Word, church, prayer) in order to grow.

Acknowledgement: <http://ministry-to-children.com/names-of-jesus-lesson/>

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## Christmas Week 2

### The birth of Jesus

Long ago, about 2000 years, when King Herod ruled Judea (now part of Israel), God sent the angel Gabriel to a young woman who lived in the northern town of Nazareth. The girl's name was Mary and she was engaged to marry Joseph.

The angel Gabriel said to Mary: "Peace be with you! God has blessed you and is pleased with you." Mary was very surprised by this and wondered what the angel meant. The angel said to her "Don't be afraid, God has been very kind to you. You will become pregnant by the Holy Spirit and give birth to a baby boy and you will call him Jesus. He will be God's own Son and his kingdom will never end." Mary was very afraid but she trusted God. "Let it happen as God chooses," she replied to the angel. Gabriel also told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, who everyone thought was too old to have children, would have a baby boy whom God had chosen to prepare the way for Jesus.

Mary said goodbye to her family and friends and went to visit her cousin Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah. Elizabeth was very happy to see Mary. She knew that Mary had been chosen by God to be the mother of His Son. An angel had already told Zechariah that Elizabeth's baby would prepare people to welcome Jesus. He was to be called John. Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then returned home to Nazareth.

Joseph was worried when he found out that Mary was expecting a baby before their marriage had taken place. He wondered if he should put off the wedding altogether. Then an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said: "Don't be afraid to have Mary as your wife." The angel explained that Mary had been chosen by God to be the mother of his Son and told Joseph that the baby would be named Jesus which means 'Saviour' because he would save people. When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel had told him to do and took Mary as his wife.

At this time, the land where Mary and Joseph lived was part of the Roman Empire. The Roman Emperor Augustus wanted to have a list of all the people in the empire, to make sure they paid their taxes. He ordered everyone to return to the town where their families originally came from, and enter their names in a register (or census) there. Mary and Joseph traveled a long way (about 70 miles) from Nazareth to Bethlehem, because that is where Joseph's family came from. Most people walked but some lucky people had a donkey to help carry the goods needed for the journey. Joseph and Mary traveled very slowly because Mary's baby was due to be born soon.

When they reached Bethlehem, they had problems finding somewhere to stay. So many people had come to register their names in the census, that every house was full and every bed was taken in all of the inns. The only shelter that Mary and Joseph

could find was a stable where the animals were kept. In this poor place Mary gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God. In those days it was the custom to wrap newborn babies tightly in a long cloth called 'swaddling clothes'. Jesus' bed was the manger that the animals ate their hay from.

In the hills and fields outside Bethlehem, shepherds looked after their sheep through the long night. As the new day began, suddenly an angel appeared before them and the glory of God shone around them. The shepherds were very, very scared, but the angel said, "Don't be afraid. I have good news for you and everyone. Today in Bethlehem a Saviour has been born for you. You will find the baby lying in a manger."

Then many more angels appeared, lighting up the sky. The shepherds heard them praising God singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to everyone on earth." When the angels had gone, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem to see what has happened." So the shepherds went to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph. The baby Jesus was lying in a manger as they had been told. When they saw Him, they told everyone what the angel had said, and everyone who heard the story was astonished. Then the shepherds returned to their sheep, praising God for sending His Son to be their Saviour.

When Jesus was born, a brand new bright star appeared in the sky. Some Wise Men in faraway countries saw the star and guessed what it meant. They were very clever men who studied the stars, and had read in very old writings that a new star would appear when a great king was born. They set out to find the new king and bring Him gifts.

The Wise Men followed the star towards the country of Judea. When they got to the capital called Jerusalem, about 18 months after the birth of Jesus, they began to ask people: "Where is the child who is born to be king of the Jews?" Herod, the king of Judea, heard this and it made him very angry to think that someone might be going to take his place as king. Herod sent for the Wise Men to come to him. He told them to go on following the star until they had found the baby king. He said: "When you have found him, let me know where he is, so that I can go and worship him." But Herod did not tell them that he really had an evil plan in mind, to kill the new king.

The Wise Men followed the star towards Bethlehem (where the writings said that the king would be born). The star seemed to stop and shine directly down upon the place where Jesus was.

The Wise Men entered the house where Joseph and Mary now lived and found Jesus with Mary; they bowed down and worshipped Him. The Wise Men spread the gifts they had brought before Jesus. The gifts were gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Wise Men were warned by God in a dream, not to go back to Herod. So they returned home to their countries in the East by a different way.

When the Wise Men had gone, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," the angel said, "take Jesus and Mary and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for Jesus to kill Him." So Joseph got up, and with Jesus and Mary, they left that night for Egypt. There they stayed until Herod died.

Herod was furious when he realized that he had been tricked by the Wise Men, and that his plan to find the location of the new king had failed. So he gave orders that all the boys in Bethlehem and the surrounding area, aged two or younger, had to be killed. Herod thought that surely the new King had to be one of them; by killing all the baby boys, he would be killing the new King.

After Herod had died, Joseph had another dream in which an angel appeared to him. The angel said, "Get up, take Jesus and Mary and go back to Israel, for those who were trying to kill Jesus are dead."

So Joseph got up, took Jesus and Mary and they went back to Israel. But when he heard that Herod's son was now king of Judea, he was afraid to go there. So instead they went to Galilee, and lived in their old town of Nazareth.

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### **Christmas Week 3**

#### **The birth of Jesus foretold**

The Israelites were waiting for something very important to happen. Their fathers and grandfathers had told them about a promise God made long ago. God had promised to send a Saviour into the world. After God made the promise, hundreds of years went by, but the Saviour still had not come. Throughout the Old Testament, however, the message is written, "He is coming! He is coming!"

Long ago, God made a wonderful promise to the world. Someday He would send His own Son to the earth. His name would be Jesus Christ. Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God promised that it would happen!

God used a special way to tell the world about His wonderful promise. How do you think He told the world? There were no advanced methods of communication in those days, like radio, phone, computers or television. God had special helpers called prophets. A prophet is someone who has a special message from God. God would tell the prophet things and the prophet would tell the people. Prophets were God's messengers and preachers. Some prophets also wrote down God's messages and these are part of the Bible. The Old Testament is the part of the Bible where even today we can read the messages God told the world through His prophets.

Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God told a prophet named Isaiah about Jesus. He told Isaiah that Jesus would be a great ruler. God even told Isaiah about the mother that baby Jesus would be born to. God knew that this would happen hundreds of years ago!

And God told Abraham that he would become a father and then his son would become a father of many children, and then his children would grow up and have children. This would happen many times so that he would have many descendants. One of those descendants would be very special. He would bless the whole world. Who do you think that descendant might be? Yes, Jesus!

Another prophet of God was Micah. God told Micah the name of the town where Jesus would be born. He told Micah that Jesus would be born in the Bethlehem.

Finally, when the time was very close, God sent an angel to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby. The angel also came to Joseph while he was sleeping and told him to marry Mary and be a father to her baby.

All of these promises were recorded in the Bible. The messages have been saved for hundreds of years. Now we can read the messages in our very own bible. We are thankful that we have God's Word, the bible, to tell us about Jesus.

God kept his promises for a very long time. Let's see if we can read some of the promises that he made to Isaiah and Micah.

### **Old Testament prophecies**

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, *and* unto us a Son is given: and the government is upon his shoulder, and he shall call his name, Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The prince of peace.

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Genesis 22:17-18 The Messiah will come through the line of Abraham.

Micah 5:2 The child will be born in Bethlehem.

Isaiah 53:3-12 Jesus would die for us

### **The genealogies**

Matthew 1:1-17 (Joseph's ancestry through Abraham) and Luke 3:23-38 (Mary's ancestry through Abraham)

### **Review Questions:**

Name two Old Testament Prophets who prophesied about Jesus. (Isaiah and Micah)

What did God promise? (That He would send Jesus.)

What is a promise? (Saying something and really meaning it).

In what town did Micah prophesy that Jesus would be born? (Bethlehem)

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