

Year 1

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.

Related classroom topics for Science, Social Studies and Health:

Countries and continents of the world

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; appreciation of different people groups; giving; generosity

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Week 1

Christmas 1

Bible Lesson: The birth of baby Jesus

It was time for Baby Jesus to be born. Mary and Joseph had come a long way. They had to go to Bethlehem because the governor had told everyone that they must go to be counted. It was a long way to Bethlehem. Mary rode on a donkey while Joseph walked beside her. There were many people in Bethlehem.

Joseph spoke to the inn-keeper, "Please, have you a room for us? We are so tired."

"I'm sorry," said the inn-keeper, "many people have come to this town. I have no room for you. But wait. If you would not mind, I can make a place for you in the stable."

He gave Joseph a broom. He gave Joseph some hay. Joseph quickly swept the stable. He put the cows outside. He put his donkey outside also. He put clean hay into the manger. He put clean hay over the floor. Now Mary and Joseph could lie down. They said, "Thank you, Lord for this good place to rest."

That night Baby Jesus was born. Mary put baby clothes on him and laid him close by in the manger.

"Thank you, Lord, for your son, Baby Jesus."

Discussion

Why was Jesus such a special baby?

Who was the real father of Jesus?

Why did God decide to send Jesus to the world?

When did God make this plan?

Where was Jesus born? What kind of building?

If God and Jesus are king of the whole world, why didn't God arrange for Jesus to be born in a palace?

How long ago did this happen?

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Week 2

Christmas 2

Bible Lesson: The shepherds

Some shepherds, who lived near Bethlehem, were out at night in their fields watching over their sheep. They were worried a wild animal might come and hurt the sheep.

Suddenly there was a bright light. Now this wasn't just any bright light; the light was so bright that they had to close their eyes for a minute because the light hurt their eyes. When they opened their eyes to see what was going on, a beautiful angel was standing in the air just above them.

The shepherds looked at each other. "Could this be real?" they asked. It had to be real, because they were all seeing the same thing. All at once they were very afraid.

"Do not be afraid," said the angel, "I'm here to bring you good news for all people. Today in Bethlehem a baby has been born who will save the world. You will know the baby because He will be wrapped in cloths, and laying in a manger."

Suddenly, just as quickly as the first angel came, there were a large group of angels, and they said together, "Glory to God, and peace to all people on earth." After they spoke, they floated away.

The shepherds were amazed and excited; did everyone know this news, or just them? They had to go and see this baby the angels were talking about.

They ran as fast as they could, and soon found Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. The shepherds fell to their knees when they saw Jesus; they were filled with joy that they had found the Lord.

Then shepherds left, telling everyone they met about what they had seen, and about the arrival of baby Jesus. Mary sat and watched Jesus sleep, she was so happy. She was thinking about what it would be like when her son got older, and what an important person He was.

Discussion

What do shepherds do?

What do angels do?

What do angels look like?

What good news did the angel bring?

Why were they excited about the birth of Jesus?

What did Mary think about?

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Week 3

Christmas 3

Bible Lesson: The Wise Men

Three men lived far away in the east. They were very wise. Every night they looked at the stars.

One night they saw a new star. It was very big. It was very, very shiny. They knew a king had been born. They got ready and started out on their camels. They were going to look for the new king. They rode and rode for many months. They followed the big star. They finally came to Bethlehem.

They went to King Herod's palace.

They said, "Where is the new king?"

"There is no new king here," said Herod, "do tell me if you find him."

The wise left King Herod's palace, and when they looked up in the sky they saw the same star again. They were very happy to see the star! The star moved on and they followed it. Mary, Joseph and Jesus were no longer in the stable. They had moved to a house in Bethlehem. The star stopped right above the house where Mary and Joseph and Jesus were staying.

The wise men went into the house and found Jesus with Mary and Joseph. They knelt down to worship the baby and they gave him some special gifts. They knew that this baby was the new king. They gave him gold, spices and expensive perfume.

Then they went back home, but they didn't go back to Herod. They didn't tell him where to find Jesus. They knew that Herod wanted to harm Him.

About the same time, God spoke to Joseph in a dream. God said, "King Herod wants to harm baby Jesus. Quickly take the baby and go to Egypt."

Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to Egypt. God kept Him safe there until King Herod died. Then they came back to Nazareth to live.

Discussion

What did the star mean?

How did the men from the East know what the star meant?

How did the wise men find Jesus?

How did God protect baby Jesus?

Why did the angel tell Joseph to go to Egypt?

Where did Mary and Joseph take Jesus to live after King Herod died?

How would you feel if you were Mary?

How would you feel if you were Joseph?