

Week 3 - Mary:

Trusting God in the Midst of the Miraculous

Lesson Overview:

Memory Verse:

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Today’s Point:

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Overview: Mary was just an ordinary girl, but her trust in God led her to be part of the most extraordinary event in history: the birth of Jesus. Her story teaches us that when we trust God, even when things seem impossible, we can experience His love in miraculous ways. This trust opens us to the love of Jesus and brings joy into our lives.

Scriptures: Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:19

Lesson Video: Mary

https://youtu.be/i2YBd_88vRQ?si=UqWaHGWEVPVJHxC2y

December Songs:

Birthday Party for Jesus

https://youtu.be/7lrbeWmK0P0?si=tl_0wtgnwPK4ZIG-

Go Tell It On the Mountain

<https://youtu.be/UVX6to3OZsM?si=VaelkqpDeEUQKQxh>

Schedule:

Warm Up Question (3 min.):

What would you do if an angel suddenly appeared in your room?

Review Classroom Rules (3 min.)

Review giving and collect offerings (2 min.)

Review point and Key verse: (5 min.)

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Lead Song Time: (7 min.)

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Say: "Good morning, children! It's so lovely to see all of you here today. We're about to dive into another exciting part of our "Heroes of the Nativity" series. Can you guess who we're going to learn about today? That's right, it's Mary, the mother of Jesus!

Mary's story is all about trusting God when things seem impossible. We will explore how she courageously trusted God's plan, even when it seemed beyond belief.

Play Game: Pass the Message (5 minutes)

But before we get into our lesson, let's play a little game to get us in the right frame of mind. It's called '**Pass the Message.**' We're going to split into two teams. The first person in each line will be given a message. You must whisper it to the next person in line quickly. The last person in the line will say the message out loud. The catch is you can only say the message once to the person next to you. The team whose final message is closest to the original wins!

This game is about trust - trusting the message you receive and passing it on correctly. Are you ready to play? Let's get started!"

Possible messages:

- God chose Mary.
- Mary trusted God.
- The Angel appeared to Mary.
- Mary was Jesus' mother.

Bible Story: Mary (15 min.)

Watch Lesson Video (4 min.)

Say: "Today, we're going to journey back to a small town called Nazareth and meet a young girl named Mary. Let's start by reading our first passage.

READ: Luke 1:26-28

So, an angel appeared to Mary!

- Can you imagine how surprising that must have been?
- How do you think you would react if an angel appeared to you?

Let's see what the angel said to Mary.

READ: Luke 1:29-33

The angel told Mary she would have a baby, and not just any baby - the Son of God! Can you believe that?

- How do you think Mary felt hearing this news?

But did Mary just nod and accept it right away? No, she had questions, just like we might. Let's read on to find out.

READ: Luke 1:34

Like us, Mary was curious and wanted to understand how this could happen. But pay attention to how the angel responds.

READ: Luke 1:35-37

The angel reminds Mary, and us, that nothing is impossible with God. Even when things seem beyond belief, God can do miraculous things.

Now, let's see how Mary reacts to this unbelievable news.

READ: Luke 1:38

Mary chose to trust God. She accepted God's plan for her, even when it seemed impossible. And later on, when she saw the baby Jesus, she stored all these things in her heart.

READ: Luke 2:19

Like Mary, we can trust God, even when things seem impossible or confusing. Remember, nothing is impossible for God!

Let's take a moment to think about this.

- What part of Mary's story stood out to you the most?"

Discussion and Lesson Review: (5 min.)

LEADER: I can tell you've been listening carefully to our lesson about Mary and her trust in God. Well done!"

1. "Why do you think Mary trusted God even when things seemed impossible?"
2. "Can you share when something seemed hard or impossible for you? How did you handle it?"
3. "How can we show trust in God in our daily lives, just like Mary did?"
4. "Why do you think it's important to trust God, even when we don't understand what's happening?"

Say: "Those were some great responses! Now, does anyone have any prayer requests they'd like to share? We can pray for them together."

Konnnect Only Skit: Mary's Trust in God (5 min.)

Characters: NARRATOR, MARY, ANGEL GABRIEL, FRIEND

(NARRATOR stands to the side, reading the lines while the others act out the skit.)

NARRATOR: "Once upon a time, in a small town called Nazareth, there was a young girl named Mary."

(MARY enters, waving to the audience.)

NARRATOR: "One day, Mary was visited by an angel named Gabriel."

(ANGEL GABRIEL enters, flapping wings if possible.)

ANGEL GABRIEL: "Greetings, Mary! You are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

MARY: (Acts surprised and confused) "Why would an angel visit me? I'm just an ordinary girl!"

NARRATOR: "The angel told her that she would give birth to a son, and His name would be Jesus."

ANGEL GABRIEL: "Do not be afraid, Mary. God has chosen you for a very special purpose."

MARY: (Acts thoughtful) "I don't understand how this is possible, but I trust God." NARRATOR: "Mary decided to share the news with her friend after the angel left." (MARY meets FRIEND, they act as if they're talking.)

FRIEND: (Acts surprised) "That sounds impossible, Mary! Are you sure?"

MARY: "I know it sounds unbelievable. But I trust God. He is with me."

NARRATOR: "Mary showed us how to trust in God, even when things seem impossible."

Everyone freezes as NARRATOR concludes the skit.

NARRATOR: "Just like Mary, we can trust God in every situation in our lives, no matter how big or small. When we trust Him, we allow His love to fill our lives, and we experience His miracles."

Angel Craft: (5 min.)

Materials:

Markers/crayons

Construction paper or card stock

Decorations (stickers, glitter, etc.)

Scissors

Coffee filters or cupcake liners

Pipe cleaners or string

Tape or glue



Directions:

1. Cut out a few hearts from construction paper or cardstock.
2. Arrange the hearts into "body" and "head" shapes for the angel.
3. Add verses or captions.
4. Add coffee filters or cupcake liners as "wings", and extra decorative elements as wished.
5. Add string for a hanging attachment, as desired, to consider the messengers God sent.



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