

1st Sunday in Advent

Nov. 27, 2023-
Dec. 3, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Mark 11:1-10

THEME: He is Coming to Save Us

SONG: CW21 301 /CW93 2 - Savior of the Nations, Come

VISUAL: calendar with December 25 circled

OBJECT LESSON

Are you good at waiting? December just started and many of you are probably waiting for a certain day at the end of December. (Show calendar of December. Have December 25 circled with a bright color.) What day is everyone waiting for? Christmas of course! We know something special- someone special is coming. Jesus is coming!

BIBLE TRUTH

Jesus is coming to save us. That truth doesn't just remind us of Christmas when we see a tiny baby laid in a manger. Our lesson today focuses on Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. (Read/display Mark 11: 1-10.) Jesus rode on a donkey into a town called Jerusalem to later die on a cross for all of our sins.

Everyone who went to see Jesus was waiting patiently because they knew how important Jesus was. They wanted to see Him, wave their palm branches, and shout "Hosanna." Jesus was the King they were waiting for.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Jesus is coming to save us. Christmas will arrive soon with lots of fun things to do. We ask God to give us patience as we wait for Jesus to come. We need Jesus to save us from our sins.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, give us patience. Forgive us for the times when we rush through life and through your Word forgetting that our focus should always be on you. As Christmas draws closer, draw us closer to you so that our eyes remain fixed on your Word and its promises. In your name we pray, Amen.



2st Sunday in Advent

Dec. 4, 2023-
Dec. 10, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:1-8

THEME: Prepare to Meet Him

SONG: CW21 316/CW93 16 - On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

VISUAL: birthday party invitation

OBJECT LESSON

What is one thing you need to do to get ready for a birthday party? (Display party invitation). What do you need to make or buy? (Take student answers.) A party without cake, decorations, and presents wouldn't be as exciting. When you prepare for a party, you get things ready so the party will be fun.

BIBLE TRUTH

Today, our lesson focuses on one man whose job was to prepare the way for Jesus to come. His name was John the Baptist. (Read Mark 1:1-8). John was sent to prepare people for the coming of Jesus. God knew the sinful world would need someone to prepare them for the coming of the Savior and that man was John. John's message was a call for the people to repent, be baptized and turn from their sinful ways.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

We need to prepare for Jesus too. We don't do what God wants when we disobey or hurt others. But Jesus came to be our Savior. We look to him to take away our sins and make us his people.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, we eagerly await your birth. Prepare our hearts and souls just as John prepared the people. Keep our focus on you as the days draw near to your birth. In your name we pray, Amen.



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3rd Sunday in Advent

Dec. 11, 2023-
Dec. 17, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: John 1:6-8, 19-28

THEME: He is Bringing Perfect Joy

SONG: CW21 313/CW93 16 - Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

VISUAL: A happy face/ happy face sticker

OBJECT LESSON

(Show a happy face image.) Have you seen this before? What does it mean? What are some things that make you happy? (Take student answers.) We often are happy, but sometimes we also can be sad, angry, or tired.

BIBLE TRUTH

Thankfully, Jesus is bringing us all perfect joy. (Read John 1:6-8, 19-28.) John was reminding the people that he wasn't Jesus. The people needed to wait for Jesus to come and bring that perfect joy as he would live a perfect life and die for their sins on the cross. John was sent ahead of Jesus to remind everyone that their King was coming.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

That joy Jesus brings us is perfect. You might be happy or sad sometimes, but the joy that Jesus gives to you is something that will never go away. We get to spend life in heaven with Jesus through our faith in Him.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for bringing us perfect joy. Forgive the times when we sin and become distracted from you. Help us turn to you during times of trouble and remind us of the perfect joy that you bring. In your name we pray, Amen.



**HEART
IMPRINTS**

4th Sunday in Advent

Dec. 18, 2023-
Dec. 24, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-38

THEME: Just as God Promised

SONG: CW21 327/CW93 23 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VISUAL: A Checklist

OBJECT LESSON

I made a checklist of things I have to do this week. (Show students a list of 5 or 6 items.) I promised myself that I would get all these things done. Why do you think I made this list? If I make a promise to get these things done, I need to keep that promise. Otherwise, my promise is broken and my checklist isn't complete.

BIBLE TRUTH

We know that God keeps his promises. God's checklist of things to do before Jesus would be born was complete. Things were happening just as God promised they would. (Read Luke 1:26-38). The angel Gabriel came to visit Mary and tell her the good news that she would give birth to the Savior of the world.

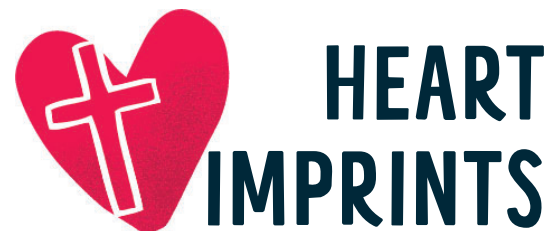
God gave a promise to Adam and Eve (and the whole world) that one day a Savior would come. God keeps his promises. Our lesson shows how God kept his promise. Mary didn't argue, but instead understood how wonderful a blessing Jesus being born would be to the world.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

God kept his promises, even when those promises don't make any sense. It doesn't make sense that God could become man. But we needed a Savior and God kept his promise by sending Jesus.

PRAYER

Dear God, we thank you for keeping your promise of sending a Savior to save the sinful world. Keep us focused on you this Christmas so that our hearts may know the peace and joy that Jesus brings to our sinful world. Strengthen our faith this day and always. In your name we pray, Amen.



1st Sunday after Christmas

Dec. 25, 2023-
Dec. 31, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:22-40

THEME: Peace on Earth

SONG: CW21 355/CW93 41 - Let all Together Praise
Our God

VISUAL: Eyeglasses

OBJECT LESSON

Why do some people wear glasses? (Show a photo of glasses if needed). What does the world look like if a person doesn't have their glasses on? Things are blurry and it's hard to read, walk, and do things. Glasses let people see the things around them clearly.

BIBLE TRUTH

Today, we hear about a man named Simeon. This man was able to see baby Jesus when Mary and Joseph brought Him to the temple. (Read Luke 2:22-40.) Simeon clearly saw how important that baby was, how that baby would grow up to save the world from their sins. Jesus was peace on earth for all mankind. Simeon knew it and gladly rejoiced when he held the baby. Simeon knew and felt that peace.

Another woman named Anna was also there that day in the temple. She also saw Jesus in the temple and rejoiced with those there that the peace of the earth had finally come. There was no questioning, no wondering, Jesus was the peace on earth both Simeon and Anna were expecting.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Jesus is the peace that we need also. We don't need glasses or contacts to clearly see that our Savior is the peace that the sinful world needs because Jesus took away our sins. We sing praises to God just like Simeon did when he saw Jesus. Jesus is our peace on earth so we can use our lives to spread the Word to everyone.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for being our peace on earth. Let us praise you all the days of our lives and when our time of grace is ended, draw us to you so that we will praise you forever in heaven. In your name we pray, Amen.

