

1st Sunday Advent

November 22 –
Nov. 28 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:28-40

THEME: Jesus a Humble King

SONG: CW93 68/ CW21 340,341 st. 1 Away in a Manger
or a song they are preparing for the children's
Christmas service

VISUAL: Picture of fancy new car and a beat-up old car

OBJECT LESSON

Show the children a picture of a fancy new car and a picture of a beat-up old car. Ask them which kind of car they think a king would ride in. How might the children know that someone important is coming into their town/city/neighborhood? How would they get ready for that person to come to their house? (You might want to have a picture of an important person the children would recognize.)

BIBLE TRUTH - KEY POINTS

- When someone important or famous comes we get ready: we clean, we wear nice clothes, we are on our best behavior.
- Jesus is the most important person ever to be born, but when he first came, Jesus was born in a barn (show children a picture of a stable and a manger). This wasn't very impressive.
- Read the Bible verses for today.
- In this reading, Jesus' followers are honoring him as a king—he had a special parade and the people cheered and praised him.
- Jesus is our king, too, and someday he will come back to take us to be with him in heaven.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

- Ask the children how they can get ready for King Jesus.
- Advent is a time to get ready for Jesus. We get ready to celebrate Jesus' birthday, but we also get ready for Jesus, our King, to come back to take us to heaven.
- We get ready for Jesus to come back by believing he is our Savior, listening to his Word, and by telling others about Jesus (just like the children in the Bible reading did when they sang Jesus' praises).

PRAYER

King Jesus, thank you for coming to earth as a baby. Thank you for dying on the cross to save us. We can't wait for you to come back and take us to be with you in heaven. Amen.



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2nd Sunday
Advent
November 29 –
Dec. 5 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 1:6

THEME: Jesus Helps Us When We Are Weak

SONG: CW93 68/ CW21 340,341 st. 1 Away in a Manger
or a song they are preparing for the children's
Christmas service

VISUAL: Have an object that is too heavy for the children to
lift on their own. Ask a volunteer to try to lift it.

OBJECT LESSON

- Ask the children why the volunteer couldn't lift the object by himself or herself.
- Ask the children what some of the rules are they have to follow at school or home (you could have a list of rules to show them, instead).
- Ask the children if they ever have a hard time following the rules. When they don't follow the rules, what happens?
- Have the volunteer try to lift the object again. When he or she can't, lift the object for him or her.
- Ask the children, "How did I help?" (You want them to see that you did it for them.)
- Read the Bible verse for today.

- When we follow the rules, we are saying thank you to God for the wonderful gift of forgiveness he gave us through Jesus.

PRAYER

Thank you Jesus for helping me. Please be with me today and help me when it is hard to follow the rules. Forgive me when I sin and help me to show my love for you. I love you, Jesus! Amen.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

- Just like you helped the child, Jesus helped all people by following all God's rules perfectly. He also took the punishment we should have had for not following God's rules.
- One of the ways to get ready this Advent is to think about how much Jesus helps us. He is always with us. He forgives us. He came to be our Savior. Jesus still helps us today by giving us strength to follow his rules, his law.
- How does Jesus help us follow the rules? (He gives us his Word that teaches us about him. He forgives us. We can pray to him. He gives us parents, teachers and other helpers to help correct us and remind us. He gives us friends who can help remind us, too.)



**HEART
IMPRINTS**

3rd Sunday Advent

December 6-
Dec. 12, 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Zephaniah 3:17

THEME: God Protects His Children

SONG: CW93 68/ CW21 340,341 st. 1 & 3 Away in a Manger
or a song they are preparing for the children's
Christmas service

VISUAL: Picture or figure of a mom or dad and a soldier

OBJECT LESSON

Show the children a picture of a mom and or a dad. Ask them how moms and dads act when a child has done something naughty. Show them a picture of a soldier. Ask them what this person does. Soldiers fight for us, just like Jesus fights the devil for us. Ask them whom they would want to talk to after they've done something wrong-a sin.

BIBLE TRUTH - KEY POINTS

Read the Bible lesson.

- Advent is a time to get ready for Christmas, the day that Jesus was born.
- One way to get ready is to think about our sins and then think about why Jesus was born.
- God tells us our sin is serious.
- But Jesus, a Mighty Warrior (like a soldier) fought against sin (and the devil) and won!
- God tells us he loves us and has forgiven us.
- God wants us to be thankful for his love and to have peace.
- God even tells us he sings a song to us because he is so happy we are his children.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

- Ask children if their parents ever sing them a song at bedtime. How does this make the children feel?
- Jesus came as a newborn baby because he loves us, he wants us to be his child through faith and God's forgiveness.
- We can feel safe and loved because we know God loves us so much he sent Jesus to take away our sins and forgive us.

PRAYER

Jesus, you are so powerful that you even beat sin for me. Thank you that I have peace because you saved me. Thank you for coming on Christmas to be my Savior. Amen.



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SCRIPTURE: John 18:37

THEME: Jesus Lifts Up the Humble

SONG: CW93 68/ CW21 340,341 st. 1 & 3 Away in a Manger
or a song they are preparing for the children's
Christmas service

VISUAL: Children saving family story

OBJECT LESSON

Share a true story of a small child saving their family. There are four examples here <https://www.parents.com/kids/responsibility/values/kids-to-the-rescue-4-brave-kids-save-lives>. (It may be best for you to retell the story, not just read it to the children.) In today's Bible reading, we will hear God's promise to a small town in ancient Israel and how a small child was the best part of God's plan.

BIBLE TRUTH - KEY POINTS

Read the Bible lesson.

- Bethlehem was the small town that God chose for Jesus to be born. While it was small, it played an important role in God's plan for our Savior, Jesus.
- In this small town, God kept his promise that he had made many, many years before, to send a Savior, a King, a ruler.
- Jesus didn't come to be a king in the city of Bethlehem but the King of all people.
- While he started as a small baby on Christmas, he grew up to be our Savior, our King.
- By ourselves, we cannot get to heaven, we cannot fix our sins. But Jesus took care of all of that for us.
- Christmas is about the wonderful baby, Jesus, born in a manger in the little town of Bethlehem, to be our Savior and King.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

- God sometimes uses places and people to carry out his plan to save us. Today we learned about a little town (Bethlehem) that played a big role.
- Even more, we talked about how Jesus came as a small baby, the most important baby ever born who came to be our Savior.
- God also uses each of us, even small young children, to tell his story of love, of forgiveness, of Jesus our Savior.
- You and I can use our prayers, our offerings, and our voices to share the good news of Jesus!

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for coming as my Savior, born in Bethlehem. Amen.

