



PROMISES KEPT

Lesson 1



A VIRGIN WILL HAVE A BABY

Scriptures

Isaiah 7:14
Luke 1:26-38

Memory Verse

Lord, people find the will
to live because You
keep your promises.
Isaiah 38:16 (NirV)

Lesson for use with Mary Candle

The Promise: “The Lord Himself will give you a miraculous sign. The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And He will be called Immanuel.”
Isaiah 7:14 (NirV)

The Promise Kept: Did you know that long ago God promised to send His Son to earth? He gave the first hint when Adam and Eve were punished for disobeying Him in the Garden of Eden. So people waited for thousands of years for this promise to come true. During those years, God’s people were part of the making of an amazing nation, Israel. God chose them to be His very own. They saw great victories and were given a land of their own. But they also saw years of captivity in foreign lands and desert wanderings because of their disobedience. Many never saw God complete His promise, but we read in the book of Isaiah that people find the will to live because God keeps His promises. (Isaiah 38:16)

Along the way, God filled in details to His promise. God’s promise would be kept through King David’s family and would come out of Bethlehem. God’s Promised One would even be brought up out of Egypt. Did you know that God promised that His Son would come to earth by a virgin having a baby? How is that possible? A virgin is someone who keeps themselves pure. They can’t have babies because they haven’t been with anyone. But nothing is impossible with God! He always keeps His promises. Let’s see how He does it this time!

One day, in the town of Nazareth, in the region of Galilee, God sent an angel to a young girl. The angel’s name was Gabriel. The girl’s name was Mary. The Bible tells us that Mary was a virgin. She had kept herself pure while waiting for the husband God would give her. She was also now engaged. She was engaged to a man named Joseph. Joseph was a carpenter in town and Mary had been promised to him. She was waiting to marry him.

Have you ever seen an angel? Mary had never seen an angel, either. The angel knew that and greeted Mary, “God is with you and has given you special favor. Don’t be afraid.” The angel also told Mary that she would become pregnant. She was going to have a Son. The angel even told her what to name her Son, “You must name Him Jesus.” The angel Gabriel explained that Jesus would be great. He would be called the Son of the Most High God. God would even make Him a king like David and He would rule forever.

Mary was confused. Remember, she was promised to be married but she wasn’t married yet. “How can this happen?” she asked. “I’m a virgin.” Mary had never been with a man before. She didn’t understand how she was going to have a baby.

Lesson Goals

- To understand that God promised to send His Son
- To understand that God promised that His Son would be born to a virgin
- To understand that God keeps His promises

Life Application

Have you ever tried to accomplish something that was really too hard for you to do? Did you ask for help?

Sometimes life is hard. Have you ever thought of giving up? We learned in our story that people find the will to live, to keep going, because God keeps His promises.

God's promise of sending Jesus means wonderful things for us. God loved you so much that He sent His one and only Son. Whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. Isn't that good news. Jesus was born so that we could be with God for ever and ever.

Have you given your life to God? Have you told Him that He can be in control? He created you and certainly knows what's best for you. Will you give God control of your life today?

So the angel explained, "The Holy Spirit is going to come to you. God's power will cover you like a cloud and the pure and holy child, Jesus, will be born to you. He will be called the Son of God. Nothing is impossible with God!"

Mary believed. Mary accepted the task that God had chosen for her. "Let everything happen just as you have said," Mary told the angel. Then the angel, Gabriel left.

God kept His promise. Now we know how God would come to earth. A virgin is going to have a baby!

Review

- What was God's promise? ("A virgin is going to have a baby.")
- Did God keep His promise? (Yes.)
- How did God keep His promise? (through Mary)
- Who did God send to tell Mary? (the angel Gabriel)
- How was Mary going to have a baby? (by the power of the Holy Spirit)

Lesson 2
He Will Rule on King David's Throne
Isaiah 9:7

Preschool Lesson

An Idea

As you enter the classroom today, promise candy to your students. Throughout the welcome time, craft time, etc. give more and more information about the candy you brought. Before each student leaves, offer them a piece of candy and remind them that God always keeps His promises.

Did you know that long ago God promised to send His Son to earth? Do you think God kept His promise? How do you think He did it? Let's see how He kept His promise!

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Can you imagine an angel coming to visit you? Have you ever seen an angel? Mary had never seen an angel, either. The angel knew that and greeted Mary, "God is with you and has given you special favor. Don't be afraid." The angel also told Mary that she would become pregnant. She was going to have a son. The angel even told her to name her son Jesus. The angel Gabriel explained that Jesus would be great. He would be called the Son of the Most High God. God would even make Him a king like David and He would rule forever.

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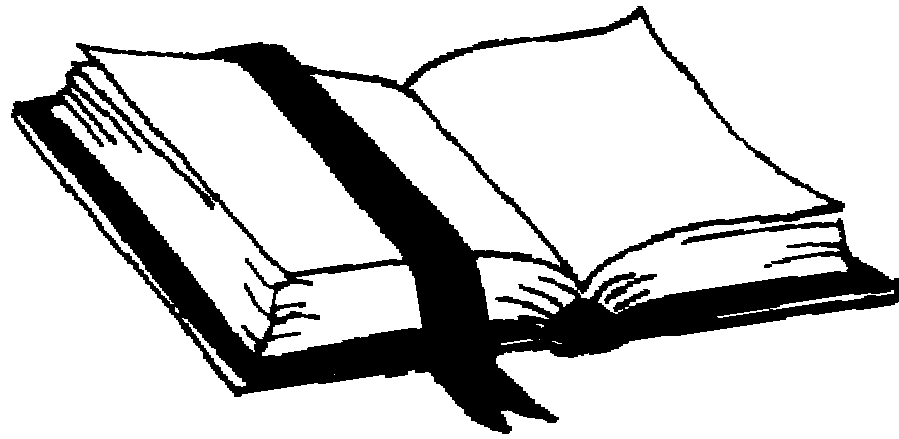
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Pray: Thank you God, for keeping your promises.

Activities

- Make an angel garland. Print the memory verse across the angels. Display the garland where you meet. If you have decorated a Christmas tree, place the garland on it.
- Re-enact the story. Have two of your students dress up, one as the angel Gabriel and another as Mary. Allow your students to narrate the story and reinforce what they have learned.
- Distribute strips of paper to your students. Encourage them to write a Scripture Promise on their strip. Talk about how they can live confidently in the fact that God will keep that promise.
- Decorate a bulletin board together. Use the memory verse. Make large, gold stars for each of the promises kept that we will be learning about. Print on the first star, "A virgin will have a baby!"
- Begin now preparing a play. Start practicing. Make invitations to invite parents or friends. Be creative!
- Serve angel food cake!



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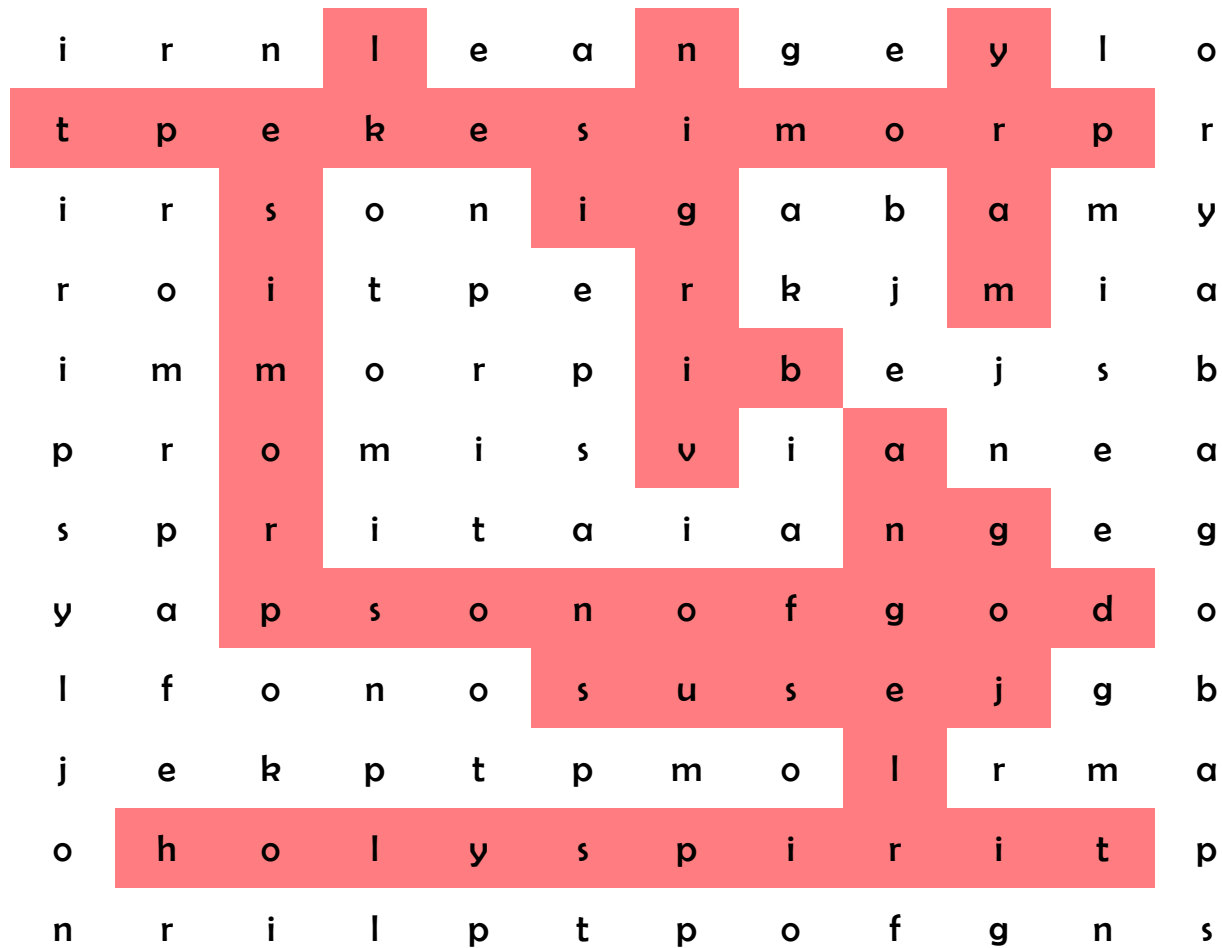
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