

THE WORD BECAME FLESH



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#03 – Mary and Joseph Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25

PICTURES (Note: Inserted in brackets at the appropriate place in the lesson is the number of the picture to show the students.)

- 3-1 Gabriel speaking to Mary
- 3-2 Joseph having a dream

REVIEW (Before teaching lesson)

- **The Big Question Review:** What was John the Baptist sent to do?

John came to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus

- **Lesson Rhyme Review:** What did prophets say about the Savior?

J—J
John
Prepared the hearts
of men
J—J—John
Told them to turn
from sin

Make sign of “J”
Move “J” to mouth
Make heart over heart
Tap head with hand palm down
Same as above
Move upright index finger in circle
Thumbs down sign



- **Introduction:** (picture 3-1) What is this a picture of?

God chose Mary who was a virgin and had never been married to be the mother of his Son. The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to reveal all that would happen to her. He said that she would become pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Her baby would be Jesus, the Son of God.

When Joseph, the man Mary was engaged to marry, heard Mary was pregnant he wanted to divorce her. However, in a dream he was told by an angel to take Mary as his wife. (picture 3-2) Both Mary and Joseph were descendants of King David and were humble, obedient servants of God and did as they were told.

The big question for this week is: How was Jesus conceived?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached discussion questions.

Title: Who is Mary

Page 1—Luke 1:26-28

(picture of Mary & Gabriel)

The prophet said a virgin
would have a baby boy.
He would save God's people,
turn their sorrow into joy.
Mary was a virgin
who lived in Nazareth town.
To speak to her the Father sent
the angel Gabriel down.

Page 2—Luke 1:35

(picture of Mary's response to Gabriel)

Gabriel said that Mary
would have a special baby boy.
She would bear the Son of God
who'd bring great news of joy.
Mary was quite frightened,
her heart was full of dread,
But she obeyed the Father's will
and trusted what he said.

Page 3—Matthew 1:18-19

(picture of Joseph's dream)

She was pledged to marry Joseph
and be his loving bride
Even though the baby wasn't his,
he stayed right by her side.
In a dream an angel said
to take Mary as his wife.
As by the Holy Spirit,
the child was given life.

Page 4—Matthew 1:20-21

(picture of Mary & Joseph)

Joseph was a good man;
he did what God did say.
He could have chosen wrong,
but he wanted to obey.
Both Mary and good Joseph
were from King David's line.
That had been a prophecy,
they both fulfilled that sign.

Page 5—Luke 2:1-4

(picture of Mary & Joseph traveling to Bethlehem)
God had said that Bethlehem would be the birthplace of his Son,
So people of all nations would know he was the One.
Mary and good Joseph lived in Nazareth far away.
By the king's decree, they went to Bethlehem that day.

Page 6—Luke 2:6-7

(picture of Mary, Joseph & Jesus)
As they arrived in Bethlehem, there was no place to sleep.
Until they found a stable filled with donkeys, cows and sheep.
There in that little stable where animals live and eat,
Mary bore the Son of God and wrapped him in a sheet.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: A virgin is a woman who has never been with a husband. God designed a husband and a wife to have babies. For a woman to have a baby without having a man as a partner would never happen. Why would God say a virgin (a woman without a man) would have a baby?

Page 2: What did the angel Gabriel say to Mary? Why would what the angel said make Mary afraid? What did the fact that Mary obeyed God say about her?

Page 3: Who was Mary engaged to? Why could Joseph have chosen not to marry Mary? What did the angel tell Joseph to do?

Page 4: Why did Joseph marry Mary? Why was it important that Mary and Joseph were from the family (line) of King David?

Page 5: What was the place God had said his Son would be born? Where were Mary and Joseph from? Why were they in Bethlehem?

Page 6: Why was Jesus born in a stable? Why do you think God had his Son be born in a stable?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- Prayer: Thank God for sending his Son to be our Savior and that the birth of Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecy about the Messiah. Thank God for the great gift he has given us through his Son.
- The Big Question: How was Jesus conceived?

Jesus' conception was a miracle of God by the power of his Holy Spirit.

ACTIVITIES (Completed after the lesson)

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the weekly sheet.

★ **Coloring:** Color in the lesson picture.

★ **Activity:** Tracing

Instructions: Trace over and name the shapes in the angel and draw a shape face.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

M—M

Make sign of "M"

Mary

Put "M" on top of other hand

A virgin

Make sign of "V"

was a sign

Move "V" in a circle

M—M—Mary

Same as above

Was from King

Form crown on head

David's line

Make line across front with index finger



• **Craft:** Angel

As the angel Gabriel played an important role in both John the Baptist and Jesus, cut out and decorate an angel hanging.

Materials: card stock paper, ribbon or string, scissors, glue sticks

Preparation: Run off the craft on card stock paper. Cut in half.

Instructions: Cut out the pieces to the angel. Glue the pieces together with the yellow halo behind the head. Draw a face on the angel. Poke a hole through the halo and tie a loop of string through it.

• **Song:** What Child is This

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Chorus
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Chorus
So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Chorus
Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.