



LESSON OBJECTIVES

CHILDREN WILL LEARN ...

that Jesus came to save us from our sin

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Matthew 1:18-21

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HOOK

Prepare paper plate lifesaver rings (cut a hole in the middle of the paper plate) for about half the number of children in your class.

Divide the kids into 2 groups — each standing on each side of the room. One side is the shore. The other is the ocean.

Kids standing on the shore hold the lifesavers. And they have to throw the lifesavers like a Frisbee to those in the ocean. Whoever catches the lifesaver gets to be “saved” and come on shore. (practice with the plate to make sure it can fly etc)



How did the lifesavers help you play the game? <save us and bring us back to shore>

What's the importance of lifesavers when you're swimming? <help you to float and not sink>

Do you know you have a Life Saver who's with you every day? <Jesus>

Jesus is our Life Saver. Our Saviour.



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LESSON

GIVE HIM THE NAME JESUS

Matthew 1:18-21

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

The angel told Joseph to name the baby Jesus.

The name Jesus means "God is Salvation", that means Jesus is the Lord who saves, our Saviour.

What is a Saviour?

A saviour is a deliver and preserver. For example, if you were sleeping in a burning house, and a fireman comes in and carries you to safety, he is your saviour.

The word "save" comes from "sozo", which also means to heal, protect and make whole. When Jesus saves us, He doesn't just save us from our sins but He also makes us whole in every way.

JESUS OUR SAVIOUR

How can Jesus be our Saviour?

The angel told Joseph that Jesus will save His people from their sins. How is that possible?

Even though Joseph was his earthly father, Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. It was a miracle birth. Jesus was both man and God.

Babies are born to have life. But Jesus was the only baby born to die. His sole aim in coming to earth is to give His life for you and for me.



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In the Old Covenant, people would bring animals to be sacrificed at the temple for their sins. The animal had to be perfect without any blemish.

Jesus was the perfect man ... He lived a sinless life, and only He could save us from our sin. (If He had His own sin, He couldn't pay for our sins; just like if someone can't swim himself, he cannot save a drowning swimmer).

MISSED THE MARK

We all have sinned. We have all missed God's mark of perfection.
<can play a simple target shooting game to illustrate, if time permits>

We deserve the punishment of death. But in His great love, Jesus, the perfect man, took our place in death and punishment on the cross.

But He didn't stay dead. He rose from the death to show that He had final victory over death and sin. He paid the full price that we couldn't pay!

Jesus saves forever!

Jesus' work on the Cross was complete. He cried out, "It is Finished!"

Jesus' death on the Cross paid for ALL our sins — past, present and future. What we did in the past, and what we do today and tomorrow and the years to come.

When we accept Jesus, His life and Spirit lives in us. We are a NEW Creation. We are born as a Child of God. And God never, ever lets us go. We are His children FOREVER.

THIS CHRISTMAS ...

Let's remember and celebrate the little baby Jesus that was born to save all of us from our sins and give us new life in Him forever!



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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 1:22 *She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

HUDDLE TIME

Check with each kid if they have made a decision to accept Jesus as their Saviour. Invite those who haven't to do so. Pray for each other.

VIDEOS

Joseph, called Him Jesus <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3Pj2bX8vAc>

Jesus the Saviour is Born <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1muOF1RYw4>

Mary did you know? <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1oHJR2g7Tw>



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CHILDREN WILL LEARN ...

that Jesus is our King

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Matthew 2:1-15

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STORY

Matthew 2:1-15 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?" For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

⁵ So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

⁶ *'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;
For out of you shall come a Ruler
Who will shepherd My people Israel.'* "

⁷ Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

⁹ When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹² Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, ¹⁵ and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."



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JESUS IS OUR KING

LESSON

Christmas comes once a year, and we usually start preparing for it around this time. But do you know God prepared for Christmas a long, long time ago? He planned and prepared for the coming of His son, Jesus, into this world even from the very beginning.

Last week, we learnt that Jesus came as a baby to be our Saviour. He was born to die — on the Cross in our place — so that we can be saved and live with God forever.

Jesus is our Saviour

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:22)

Jesus also came to be our King

"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:2)

JESUS WAS THE PROMISED KING

God promised King David that his throne will last forever.

"When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. Your house and your kingdom shall endure before you forever. Your throne shall be established forever." (2 Samuel 7:12 13,16)

Now King David's sons and descendants were mostly not very good kings. They fought among each other. They worshipped other gods. The kingdom was split and broken up and taken into captivity. It would seem that God's promise would not come to past.

But it did. Jesus comes from the line of King David. And He became the King of kings, the Forever King.

As the angel Gabriel told Mary, *"Behold you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his forefather David." (Luke 1:31-32).*



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A KING OF A DIFFERENT KINGDOM

When Jesus was on earth, the people were looking for a king who would set up a kingdom on earth, a kingdom where they would share the wealth and power. But Jesus' kingdom is not on earth; His kingdom is in heaven. He is a Forever King.

The King of heaven and earth was born as a helpless baby and placed in a manger. He wasn't born in a palace and dressed in rich robes. The only crown He wore was a crown of thorns. Yet all things under heaven and earth are placed under His authority.

Jesus is the best king because He has power to overcome my sin; He has victory over Satan; and He has wisdom to guide me.

JESUS IS OUR KING

When we believe in Jesus, He not only becomes our Saviour, but He also becomes our King. When we have a king, our king takes care of us. He also has authority over us, and we should honour him. How can we honour King Jesus? How can we live our lives under His authority and in response to His grace and love? [share]

THIS CHRISTMAS ...

Let's remember and celebrate the little baby Jesus that was born to be the King of kings and worship Him together!



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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

MEMORY VERSE

2 Samuel 7:16 *Your house and your kingdom shall endure before you forever. Your throne shall be established forever."*

HUDDLE TIME

Check with each kid if they have made a decision to accept Jesus as their Saviour. Invite those who haven't to do so. Pray for each other.

VIDEOS

Jesus is the King https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OcU0EMP5_s

Born is the King <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnMBUjCPaZ0>



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JESUS GOD WITH US

HOOK

(Show toy ant or picture of ant)

Let's say that for some strange reason, you really loved ants with all your heart. Let's say that there was an ant colony near your house. You were careful not to step on those ants, and you would even leave food out for them. Let's say that you loved each individual ant and wished that they could know that you loved them.

One day, as the ants are venturing out in a line to forage for food, you notice that they are heading directly into a large pool of water, left behind by the thunderstorm. That would mean death for the ants! They would drown!

How would you warn them? How in the world could you talk to an ant?
(Let children offer their ideas.)

Even if you waved your hands wildly, even if you got down on your belly and tried to look a teeny ant in the eye, you couldn't make the ant understand.

The only way that you're going to get through to those ants, is to become an ant yourself. Can you imagine being an ant? Especially a very tiny one? It would be a dangerous experiment. You could get squashed.

Maybe you would go through all that trouble to become an ant and they wouldn't even listen to you. The ants that you love might drive you away. You might try to warn them about the pool of water and explain to them that you became an ant so that you could save them. Some might listen to you and others might not. But becoming an ant would be the only way to really communicate.

A human becoming an ant? What a ridiculous story. But not as farfetched as a story about the Creator of Heaven and Earth becoming a helpless little baby, which is what happened 2,000 years ago, one Christmas day.





LESSON

Matthew 1:22-25

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

In the past few weeks, we learned a few identities of Jesus:

Jesus is our Saviour

Jesus is our King

And today, we learn that:

JESUS IS EMMANUEL — GOD WITH US

All of us were like the ants. We were in danger. What were we in danger of? Death — the punishment for our sin.

But thankfully, we had Someone who loved us so very much and who wanted us to know how much He loved us. And this Someone wanted not only to warn us of danger but to save us from sin and death.

Who is this Someone? God! The Almighty Creator and Lord of everything.

Through the years, God sent people (prophets) to tell His people how much He loved them. But that was not enough. The prophets couldn't save the people from sin.

So God had to make Himself as tiny and helpless as a baby, to be born a man, Jesus. He came so that He could talk to us, and tell us how much He loved us, and to give His life for us. He became Emmanuel — God with us!

Only a perfect man could take our punishment and die for our sins. And only God was perfect. He came to earth, to live a perfect, sinless life, to prove that He qualifies to be the sacrifice for our sins.



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JESUS IS WITH US FOREVER

After Jesus died, He rose again and went to heaven. He sent His Spirit to come to live inside each and every one of us so that every moment, every day, wherever we are, God is with us! We are never alone anymore. He is truly Emmanuel!

God came to earth at Christmas and that is why we celebrate. Merry Christmas everyone!

Dear Lord, thank you for sending your son, Jesus to our earth to show us how very much you love us. And thank you for being with us every moment, every day!



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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 1:23 *"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").*

HUDDLE TIME

Share: What does it mean to have Jesus with us all the time? Check with each kid if they have made a decision to accept Jesus as their Saviour. Invite those who haven't to do so. Pray for each other.

SONGS

Emmanuel

lyrics: <http://www.klangwesley.com/songs.php?songID=252>

actions: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOb0WdoiAjA>

Emmanuel: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPqCPOUiPI0>



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CHILDREN WILL LEARN ...

that Jesus is the greatest Gift of all this Christmas

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John 3:16; John 10:10

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JESUS OUR BEST PRESENT

HOOK

Wrap up a gift for the children and say: "I have a present for all of you – can you guess what it is?". Let them guess, and distribute after the lesson.

Or

Play pass the parcel, with different simple gifts in between the layers. The final present will be a box that opens up to reveal the word "Jesus".

Can anyone tell me what is special day is this coming week? Yes, it's Christmas! How many of you are happy or excited that it's Christmas? Ask the children to share why they look forward to celebrating Christmas.

For those families who celebrate Christmas, the children usually also look forward to Christmas because they like receiving presents. How many of you like receiving presents?

But whether people celebrate Christmas or not, whether they know Jesus or not, there is one present that has been given to everyone, old or young, no matter what background, race or religion which is the BEST present of all. Can you guess what it is?

The Bible says that God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Who is the one and only Son whom God gave to us? Jesus. The best present is Jesus!!



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JESUS OUR BEST PRESENT

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Over the past weeks, we have learned:

Jesus is our Lord

Jesus is our King

Jesus is God with us

Isn't it obvious why Jesus is our best present? I can give you two more key reasons.

Jesus is the best present we can have because He is the greatest giver. He gives us:

JESUS GIVES US ETERNAL LIFE

Anyone who believes in Jesus will not die but will have eternal life (John 3:16). We don't have to worry where we will go after our life on this earth is over. We know that for those of us who accepted Jesus as their saviour, when we leave this earth, we will go to heaven, a wonderful place that Jesus has prepared for us.

JESUS GIVES US LIFE TO THE FULL

In John 10:10, Jesus said, *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* The eternal life Jesus gives does not only start after we leave this earth. It starts when we accept Him into our heart and life. We can have a good life because we have Jesus with us. He is our joy, peace, protection, healing, provision, Saviour, God.

No matter whatever situation we are in, whether there are problems at home or in school, we don't have to be afraid or worry. Jesus is always with us and in us. No one is greater than Jesus and no one loves us more than him. He even gave his life for us. We can trust that Jesus will take care of us as he has promised.

God gave Jesus to the world. This means you, me and everyone else. Have you received Jesus as your Saviour? If you haven't received, today would you like to receive the best present of all?

Pray with together with those who indicated they want to receive Jesus.

This Christmas season, whatever presents you may get, remember that you have the best present of all – Jesus.



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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME

Thanksgiving: Thank Jesus for all He has given to us this year. Pray for each other.

SONG

The Best Present of All is Jesus

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzEB5hkUPk>