LESSON 22

GOD SENDS HIS PROMISED SON



Aim: **To teach the children how God kept the promise he had made when mankind had first disobeyed him – by sending his own Son into the world.**

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 4:4–5; Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 2:8–20**

Memory Verse: **Galatians 4:4**
But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman …

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Talk to the class about waiting for the right time for something to happen. Small children often find it very hard to see their older brothers and sisters go off to school. They want to go too, and cannot understand that the time is not yet right for them.

MAIN POINTS OF TODAY'S TEACHING

1. **Show Pictures 2 and 3.** It was a very sad time when Adam and Eve listened to Satan and had to leave the beautiful garden. But God promised he would send his Son at the right time to save mankind and defeat Satan (Gen 3:15).
2. **Show Picture 6.** God promised Abraham so many descendants that it would be as difficult to count them as it is to count the stars in the sky. God's Son would be a descendant of Abraham (Gen 12:3).
3. When the time was right, God sent his Son to fulfil his promise of salvation. The Son of God came to this world as a baby born of a young woman called Mary.
4. Mary was engaged to be married to a good man called Joseph. Joseph was upset when he heard that Mary was pregnant, because he knew he was not the father. He was going to quietly call off their wedding, but then an angel spoke to him in a dream. Joseph learnt that Mary was carrying a very special baby. This baby came from God. He was God's own Son, the promised Saviour of all mankind (Matt 1:18–25).
5. When a new baby arrives, the news is passed on and people come to visit. When Mary had her baby in Bethlehem an angel told some shepherds, who were watching their sheep in the fields, about it. At first they were very frightened. **Describe the angel's visit to the shepherds (Lk 2:8–14).**
6. The shepherds hurried off to find this baby. **Show Picture 22**. Afterwards, they told everyone what they had seen and they couldn't stop praising God (Lk 2:15–20).

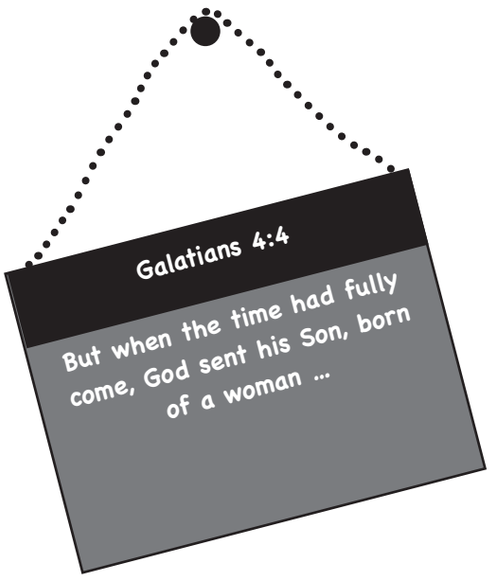
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Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

Naming a new baby is a very important decision. This baby was called **Immanuel**, which means "God with us". He was also given the name **Jesus,** which means "Saviour". God sent his Son to this world in order to keep his promise to save all people from their sins. Jesus came for each one of us – for you and me as well.



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