Lesson 10 Jesus' Birth is Announced

Picture 12



Aim

To teach that God sent an angel with a message to Mary. She would give birth to God's own son.

Teacher Preparation: Pray for each member of your class, each young life entrusted to your care and teaching. Then read and study Luke 1:26-33, Matthew 1:18-25 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: Matthew 1:21

Mary will have a son, and you will name him Jesus.

Lesson Plan

Introduction

Ask how important messages are sent in the community. Do the elders take them? Are they sent by letter? Are they sent in a special way?

Main Points of Lesson

1. Mary was in her home. She was a young girl. She was engaged to be married to Joseph. God had a special message for her. He sent it by a special messenger.

2. Tell the story of the angel's visit to Mary, Luke 1:28-33

    a) The angel's greeting was, "Peace be with you. The Lord is with you. God has blessed you."

    b) Mary was afraid. What did the angel's words mean?

    c) Mary would have a son. He is to be called Jesus. Say memory verse. The name Jesus means Saviour.

    d) Mary asked how this would happen. The angel told her God's Holy Spirit would be given to her to give birth to the Son of God. Show picture 12.

3. Joseph was upset when he heard Mary was having a child that was not his.

4. Joseph had a dream and was told who the coming baby was, the Son of God, Matt 1:20-21

Teach Memory Verse

5. Joseph married Mary and together they waited for God's Son to be born.

Review

Briefly go over the lesson emphasising that God chose a trusting village girl to be the mother of His Son. God still chooses those who love Him to live for Him on earth.

Our Response to the Lesson

Have the children act out the story. In the light of what has already been learnt why was the angel's message so important? Who is the central character in this drama?