Lesson 11 Jesus is Born

Pictures 12, 13



Aim

To teach that as God had promised, His Son Jesus was born to Mary.

Teacher Preparation: As you prepare this lesson give thanks to God for His written word that tells us of the birth of Jesus, the living Word and Saviour. Then read and study Luke 2:1-20 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: Complete last week's verse, Matthew 1:21.

Mary will have a Son, and you will name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sin.

Lesson Plan

Introduction



Ask who has a new baby in their home.

Everyone is happy and there are visitors to see the baby.

Question: Who was told she was to have a baby?

Answer: Mary.

Question: Who was the baby?

Answer: Jesus Son of God.

Review memory verse: *Show picture 12.*

Main Points of the Story

Tell the story of Luke 2:1-20 in your own words. (Read the story in Luke several times so you know it well. Then say the story to yourself without looking at the Bible.)

1. The time for Mary to have her baby came very near. Just before it, Mary and Joseph had to leave their home in Nazareth and go back to Bethlehem where their family came from. This was about 120 km. The rulers of their country asked everyone to do this so they could count all the people.

2. Mary and Joseph have to stay in a shelter for animals (stable) because everywhere else was full.

3. Jesus is born and put in the manger. (A manger was the animal's food box). *Show picture 13* and keep it out while you tell the story of the shepherds' visit.

4. The angel gives the shepherds the message.

5. The angel choir praises God.

6. The shepherds go to Bethlehem.

7. Mary thought about what the shepherds said and who this baby was.

8. The shepherds return home very happy to see what God has done.

Teach Memory Verse

Review

Briefly go over the lesson emphasising that God always keeps His promises (remember His promise to Abraham) and that despite Jesus' very humble birth He was truly God's Son and our Saviour.

Our Response to the Lesson

Ask the children to think of the joy in the family when a new baby arrives and to tell about it.

We are joyful too because God has sent Jesus. He is the Saviour of the world, King of Kings, God's Son.

Sing a Christmas song.