

Lesson on birth of Jesus

Lesson Outline

Lesson Overview

- 1  **1. Welcome Screen**
- 2  **2. Lesson Menu**
- 3  **3. Mary is Chosen by God**
(Luke 1:26-27)
- 4  **4. God Sends the Angel Gabriel**
(Luke 1:28-33)
- 5  **5. Mary Visits Elizabeth**
(Luke 1:39-45)
- 6  **6. Joseph and Mary Leave Nazareth**
(Luke 2:1)
- 7  **7. Trip to Bethlehem**
(Luke 2:4-5)
- 8  **8. Jesus is Born**
(Luke 2:6-7)
- 9  **9. Angels Appear to Shepherds**
(Luke 2:8-9)
- 10  **10. A Message is Given**
(Luke 2:10-12)
- 11  **11. Heavenly Host Appear**
(Luke 2:13-14)
- 12  **12. Shepherds Go to Bethlehem**
(Luke 2:15)
- 13  **13. Shepherds Visit Baby Jesus**
(Luke 2:16-20)
- 14  **14. Visit of the Magi**
(Matthew 2:1-2)
- 15  **15. Location of Jesus' Birth**
(Matthew 2:3-6)
- 16  **16. Magi Visit Bethlehem**
(Matthew 2:7-10)
- 17  **17. Magi Worship Jesus**
(Matthew 2:11)
- 18  **18. Warning in a Dream**
(Matthew 2:12)
- 19  **19. Escape to Egypt**
(Matthew 2:13-18)
- 20  **20. Return to Nazareth**
(Matthew 2:19-23)

God had given certain men the message about the coming of the Savior hundreds of years ahead of time. They did not know when this event would take place, but they knew many other things about it. They knew the Savior was to be called Wonderful, Counselor and Prince of Peace. And when the time arrived, the coming of the Savior was not a secret, God revealed His plan to certain people.

In a town near Jerusalem a man and woman were told about the coming birth of the Savior. The woman was Elizabeth and she was married to Zechariah who served in the temple at Jerusalem. She also was the cousin of Mary. Zechariah had been told by an angel to name their son John. He was to prepare the way for the Lord.

In the town of Nazareth the coming birth of Jesus was announced to a young woman. She was visited by an angel, who told her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. Her name was Mary.

Mary's husband also knew about the one to be born. Joseph had been told by an angel in a dream.

A group of shepherds near Bethlehem knew when the long-awaited Messiah, or Savior, came. They were watching their sheep when an angel appeared and gave them the good news.

In the city of Jerusalem a man named Simeon knew that the Savior had been born. The Holy Spirit had told him that he would die until he saw the Christ. The Holy Spirit led him into the temple on the day when the baby Jesus was brought in, as the custom was, for presentation before the Lord. He took the child in his arms and praised God because he had seen the one who was to save the people. An elderly woman, Anna, who was a prophetess, came at the same time. She too gave thanks to the Lord for the one who was born.

The wise men in the East knew about the one who was born King of the Jews. They saw His star and followed it. They stopped in Jerusalem to inquire where this child had been born. Jealous King Herod was troubled because he thought a new king would try to take his place. He did not know that Jesus was to rule a heavenly, not an earthly, kingdom. He wanted the men to bring him word when they had found the child, but they were warned by God in a dream to return another way. When they had presented gifts to the new king and had worshipped Him, they went back to their homes.

Mary and Joseph were also warned in a dream to flee to Egypt because Herod was trying to kill Jesus. After staying there for a while, Joseph was told it was safe to return home. He took Mary and Joseph and returned to Nazareth.

A carpenter and his wife, a priest and his wife, some shepherds and the people they told in Bethlehem, some wise men from the East, a devout man and a prophetess in Jerusalem: these were the ones who knew that God's great promise had come true. Many years were to go by before the rest of the people in Judea and Galilee and Samaria would know that this child born in Bethlehem was to be the Lord and Savior of the whole earth. Everything was done according to God's great plan for man. At just the right time, Jesus would make known His purpose for coming to the world.