

At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7 Kings & Kingdoms: Advent of the King Unit 10, Lesson 48

Advent 1: Announcing the King

Lesson Aim: To know we can bring the message to others.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the best message you have ever received?

GAME: Baby Announcement Puzzle

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO CAME TO US

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony: Mary's Candle

Read Worship Scripture: Luke 1:31-33

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

THE WORD GABRIEL APPEARS TO MARY

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God used a young woman named Esther in saving His people.

On a Bible Timeline, point out Jesus on Earth (Circa 1-33 A.D.). A.D. stands for "Anno Domini" which means "the Year of our Lord." A.D. begins with Jesus' birth and continues until the end of time. When the time was right, God sent an angel named Gabriel with a message for a young teenage girl in the small town of Nazareth. Point out Nazareth in Israel. God would use her in saving the whole world. Let's hear what the Bible says about that message. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 1:28-33, 37-38. Pray. Read.

THE WAY WE CAN BRING THE MESSAGE

Who came to Mary to announce the coming of God's Son? (The angel Gabriel.) What would you do if an angel appeared to you?

Mary was a Jewish teenager who loved God. Gabriel told Mary her baby would be God's Son, Jesus. He described Jesus in words the Jewish people knew well. He said Jesus would reign over the "House of Jacob," another name for God's people. He said the Lord would give King David's throne to Jesus. It's a way of saying King

Jesus will rule over God's people, just as King David did. To reign means to rule over as a king rules over his kingdom or nation. How long did Gabriel say King Jesus would reign? (Forever.)

Just as Gabriel brought the message to Mary, we can bring the message to our friends in words they will understand. How would you explain the true meaning of Christmas in your own words to a friend who has not read about it in the Bible?

What do you think is the most amazing part of the story about the birth of Jesus? The Christmas story includes angels, miracles, and God's Son coming to earth. These things may seem impossible, but what did Gabriel say about impossible things? (He said, "Nothing is impossible with God.") Let's say that together. All say, "Nothing is impossible with God."

This week, tell someone about today's story in your own words. Remind them of Gabriel's words: "Nothing is impossible with God."

CHRIST CONNECTION:

700 years before Gabriel announced the coming of the King, Isaiah told the people about God's promise of the coming King! Let's hear that promise now. Reveal Isaiah 9:6-7. Read.

The prophet Isaiah told everyone the good news about King Jesus. So did the angel Gabriel. Now, you can share that same message by telling others the good news about King Jesus. Tell them God sent His Son to us and He was the King that all of God's people had been hoping for.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Advent Calendar
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Gabriel telling Mary the good news
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Tasty Trumpets **GAME:** Pass the Message **CRAFT:** Angel Ornament

DISCUSSION: Anno Domini (A.D.)

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Crown Toss, Royal Musical Chairs

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW