



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms: Advent of the King
Unit 10, Lesson 49

Advent 2: Naming the King

Lesson Aim: To know Jesus came to save
His people from their sins.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: How many people are in your family?

GAME: Family Match

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO CAME TO US

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony: Joseph's Candle

Read Worship Scripture: Matthew 1:21.

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

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

THE WORD THE ANGEL VISITS JOSEPH

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

Review: God sent an angel to tell Mary she would be the mother of God's Son.

Today, we will read about an angel that came to Joseph in a dream.

Joseph was engaged to be married to Mary. Reveal Bible Story

Scripture Reference: Matthew 1:17-21. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse:

Matthew 1:21. Pray. Read.

THE WAY GOD'S FOREVER FAMILY

What did the angel tell Joseph to do with Mary? (Take her home as his wife.)

What two things did the angel say about the baby? (He came from the Holy Spirit. He would save His people from their sins.)

What did the angel tell Joseph to name the baby? (Jesus.) **The name Jesus is the Greek form of the name Joshua which means "the Lord saves."**

Why do you think God chose the name Jesus for His Son? (He was the One who would save His people from their sins.) **Jesus' name tells us who He is and why He came. He is the Lord who came to save us.**

The angel told Joseph that Jesus would save His people from their sins. What is sin? (Doing wrong in God's eyes.) **The Bible says everyone sins. Our sins separate us from God, but He loves us so**

much that He made a way for our sins to be forgiven so we could be close with Him forever. What did Jesus have to do to save us from being separated from God? (He paid for our sins by dying on the cross.)

Those who believe in Jesus celebrate Christmas as the birthday of our Savior; the day God sent His Son to save us. By dying on the cross, Jesus made a way for us to be part of God's forever family. God's forever family is close to Him right now here on earth and will be with Him later in heaven. They belong to God forever.

To belong to that family, all you have to do is pray to Jesus. Tell Him you are sorry for your sins, and you want Him to be the Lord and King of your life. If you have ever prayed a prayer like that to Jesus, then you belong to His forever family. If you have never prayed that prayer before, and you want to pray it now, raise your hand and I will lead you in a prayer to Jesus.

Lord Jesus, I Admit I am a sinner.

I Believe You are the Lord who died to take my sins away.

Please Come into my heart and I'll follow You forever. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

Supply any child who prayed with a Children's Guide for New Believers.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God began His family with a covenant promise to Abraham that He would be the God of Abraham's family forever. Reveal Genesis 17:5-7. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

That promise is true today for anyone who believes in Jesus—even those who are not related to Abraham's earthly family. All who believe in Jesus are in God's forever family!

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "Ask me about the name of Jesus!" sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: The angel telling Joseph to name the baby Jesus
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Family Snack

GAME: Spell It Out

CRAFT: Silver Cross Ornament

DISCUSSION: Jesus' Family History

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Crown Toss, Royal Musical Chairs

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW