



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
Prophets & Promises:
Advent of the Promised One
Unit 10, Lesson 50

Advent 3: The Promised Son Is Born

Lesson Aim: To know God keeps His promises.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: God's Promise to Us
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Born in a Manger
- BLOCK CENTER: A Place for Jesus
- NATIVITY CENTER: Jesus Is Born!

THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF PEACE

I'm so glad you are here today. Let's start by talking to God in prayer. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear God, as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas, help us to remember You kept Your promise when Jesus was born. Amen.**

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

The Lighting of the Christmas Candles: The Bethlehem Candle
We light the Christmas candles to get our hearts ready to celebrate Christmas. Today, we light the Bethlehem Candle to remember that when it was time for baby Jesus to be born, Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem. Light the first three candles.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good." Psalm 118:1a

THE WORD JESUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM CLASSROOM PROMISE

Display stable and animals. Hide Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. **Today, I brought the stable from our nativity set. A stable is like a barn.**

Have you ever been in a barn? What did you see in the barn?
What did it smell like?

In our story today, Mary and Joseph stay in a stable because there is nowhere else for them to go. Place Mary and Joseph. **Do you know what happened while they were there?** (Baby Jesus was born.) Place baby Jesus. **God kept His promise and sent baby Jesus. Do you remember what a promise is? A promise is something we tell someone we will do. Who always keeps His promises?** (God.) **Let's listen to our story.** Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Luke 2:4-5.

WATCH THE WORD: LUKE 2:4-7

Read poem. Display visual.

- **Joseph and Mary went on a trip;**
- **They traveled to Bethlehem.**
- **When it was time for the baby to be born,**
- **There was no room at the inn for them.**

- **So, Jesus was born in Bethlehem.**
- **Mary wrapped Him in swaddling clothes.**
- **She lay Him down in a manger of hay,**
- **For that was the place God chose.**

Who traveled to Bethlehem? (Joseph and Mary.) **It was a very special time. It was time for God to keep His promise that baby Jesus would be born.**

THE WAY GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

CRAFT: Joseph and Mary

GAMES: Let's Go to Bethlehem; Hey, Hey! Who Hid the Hay?

SNACK: Manger Hay

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Luke 2:4-7

CRAFT: Advent Crown Wreath

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Pass the Gift, Give Thanks Bubbles

STORY TIME