



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
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

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "It was time."

THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF PEACE

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God of Peace. God brings peace and calmness to our hearts because we know He loves us. He loves us so much that when the time was right, He kept His promise and gave His only Son for us. That's why our Whisper Verse says, "It was time." Let's say it together. Review the Whisper Verse together: "It was time." Include sign language.

God has given us a time for everything. Let's use this time to give our offering and celebrate the good gift God gave us when He gave us Jesus. Sing: "Give Thanks to the Lord" while collecting the offering.

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. Choose a child to assist in lighting the first three of the four purple candles on the Advent Wreath.

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

God is good; He keeps all His promises. He was good to Mary and Joseph. He helped them get to Bethlehem. He gave them a place for baby Jesus to be born. He kept His promise and gave Mary her son, the baby Jesus. Sing: "The Lord Is Faithful." God is good to us; He gave His Son Jesus to us, too! That is the good news of Christmas. Sing: "I Bring You Good News."

Imagine what it would have been like to be Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem watching baby Jesus sleeping in the manger bed. It must have been wonderful. Sing: "Away in a Manger."

THE WORD JESUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned God promised Mary that she would be the mother of baby Jesus. Today, we will hear how God kept that promise when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. 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.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Luke 2:4-5 from the teacher's Bible.

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, it was a very special time. It was time for God to keep His promise that baby Jesus would be born. That's our Whisper Verse! Let's say it together: "It was time." Include sign language or hand motions.

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

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Luke 2:4-7

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Pass the Gift, Shout It Out

CRAFT: Advent Crown Wreath

STORY TIME