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Lesson 12: *God's Promised One is Born* (Condensed Version)

Objectives: To explain that:

- A census was ordered by a proud king, Caesar Augustus
- The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce that she would be the one to give birth to the promised Forever King
- Jesus, the Son of God came as a tiny baby was the promised Forever King
- Angels announced this news to humble shepherds
- Jesus is the fulfillment of God's covenant promises to Abraham and David; the blessing to all the peoples of the earth

"I Wonder" Questions:

What do you see in this picture? (A manger, a baby, a starry sky, a big star, a cross formed in the star, etc.)

Is there anything you wonder about?

I wonder who this baby is.

I wonder why he is lying in a manger.

I wonder why there is a big star in the sky.

I wonder if I have seen this starry sky before. Let's hear more in our story....

Lesson Summary:

Today you will hear about a proud king named **Caesar** who counted all the people of Israel, you will hear about an angel named **Gabriel** who was God's messenger and a young peasant girl named **Mary** who was engaged to a man named **Joseph**. You will also hear about angels and shepherds and a special star in the sky. But most importantly, you will hear about a little baby named **Jesus** who was born in a stable. God the Son became that tiny baby. Jesus was the promised Forever King. In him, all of God's wonderful promises are fulfilled!

(Read Luke 1&2 passages or a Christmas storybook)

Suggested Questions: **What does this story tell us about God?** (He keeps his promises even though it can take a long time. He is loving and generous. He is loving and generous. He is humble, he left heaven to become a tiny baby) **In which Bible story did God give the first promise of the Forever King?** (Lesson 2-The Fall) **What was that promise?** (God said that he would send someone who would crush Satan)

- Why do we call Jesus the Forever King? (He was promised right from the beginning and will be our King forever.)
- What is your favourite part of the story? What else do you wonder about?
- Discuss with the children the various ways in which they keep Christmas in their homes. Jesus is the greatest gift to all people for all time. How can we share this Good News of the Forever King? (make cards, invitations, gifts)

Bible Memory Verse:

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:11 --NIRV)