



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

Objectives: To explain that:

- It had been 400 years since God spoke to his people, and now the people of Israel were ruled by a foreign king in their own land.
- The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce that she would be the one to give birth to the promised Forever King that had been foretold in the Garden of Eden, and promised to Abraham and King David.
- The Forever King would come from the family line of King David (The Davidic covenant).
- Jesus, the Forever King would fulfill all God's promises for his people, and bring God's 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:

It was 400 years since God spoke to his people through the prophets. 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)
- **Can anyone remember in which stories God gave the promises of the Forever King?** (lesson 2 – The Fall, lesson 4 – Abraham, lesson 9 – King David and King Solomon)
- **What were the promises?** (1. God said that he would send someone who would crush Satan. 2. God promised Abraham many descendants, a land to live in, and that through him would come a blessing for the whole world (the Forever King). 3. God promised King David that the Forever King would come from his family line.)
- **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)