

Jesus Christ is my Lord

Levels I and II Teacher's Notes

Lesson 1 “The Conception and Birth of Jesus” Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:25-56; 2:1-20

PREPARATION

Suggested helps in preparing for Lesson 1 “The Conception and Birth of Jesus”

- Read Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:25-56; 2:1-20.
- Read and know the **INTRODUCTION**.
- Gather the **MATERIALS** for the **INTRODUCTION**.
- Familiarize yourself with the **BACKGROUND** information.
- Study the story so you can tell it to the children without reading it.
- Read the passages in the **KEY THOUGHTS TO PRESENT** and study the key thoughts.
- Read and know the **APPLICATION**.

MATERIALS:-a list of your students' names (if possible)

-a book or internet site that lists the meanings of names

-before class write down each child's name with the meaning of the name behind it

-in big letters write “Jesus” in the middle with “saves” or “Savior” after it

-if students come that were not anticipated, add their names and meanings to the sheet

-if possible, copy the sheet so each student gets a copy

INTRODUCTION

Do not show the list of names and meanings to the children yet.

-What is your name?(Answers vary)

-Who gave you your name? (Mom and Dad, parents, etc.)

-Do you know why they gave you that name? (Answers vary. They liked it.)

-What does your name mean? (Answers vary)

Show the sheet to the class.

-Each of your names are special because your parents picked it out just for you. Your name shows that your parents love you. Sometimes names tell us what people do or what they are like.

-Who has the best name ever? (Some may reply their name is the best. If so, tell them their name is special, but there is a name that is more special.)

-The name in the middle of this sheet is the best name ever.

-Whose name is this in the middle of the page? (Jesus)

-Jesus' name is so special because it tells us who Jesus is and what He has done for us.

- Guess what Jesus' name means. (Answers vary. If they can read, they can read it from the sheet.)
- Jesus' name means "saves" or "Savior."
- Why is that a good name for Jesus? (Because He saved us from our sins.)
- Jesus is God's Son. He lived in heaven with God. But there was a problem. All people were sinners including us. We do bad things that God doesn't want us to do.

Check to make sure the children understand what sin is.

- Because we sin, we should go to hell. But God didn't want that.
- So God sent His son Jesus into the world to be born as a little baby, a human, to save us from going to hell.
- How was Jesus going to save us from our sins and hell? (He would die on the cross for us.)
- That is why Jesus has the best name. It tells us He is God and that He came to earth to save us from our sins.
- What does the name Jesus mean? (Saves or Savior)
- In our story today we will hear how God sent Jesus to earth to be born as a little baby to save us.

BACKGROUND

Simply and briefly tell students the following background information about Jesus:

- God created Adam and Eve at creation, but they sinned by disobeying God.
- God told Adam and Eve that He still loved them and would send a Savior to take away their sins.
- Jesus was that Savior, but He did not come for a very long time.
- Many people waited for Jesus to be born and many years passed.
- Finally the time was right. God had everything ready for His Son, Jesus, to be born as a baby.
- Jesus was a baby just like you and me, but He was different. Jesus never sinned once.
- Jesus was born as a baby so He could save us from our sins.

KEY THOUGHTS TO PRESENT IN THE STORY

- Genesis 3:15 Jesus was first promised to Adam and Eve to crush the head of the devil.
- Micah 5:2 God spoke through the prophet Micah that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.
- Isaiah 7:14-16 Jesus would be born of the virgin and live among men, Immanuel.
- Isaiah 9:6-7 A child, Jesus, is born to us. He is described with many other names that tell us who He is and what He does for us: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and a king whose kingdom shall not end.

-John 1:1-18 Jesus is God, the Word at creation, and Man, born of Mary, sent to save the world.

I believe that Jesus, God's Son, came down from heaven and was born as a human to save me from my sins. Jesus did this because He loves me.

APPLICATION

- On what special day do we celebrate Jesus' birthday? (Christmas.)
- Raise your hand if you like Christmas.
- Why? (We get presents.)
- Yes, it is fun to get presents at Christmas.

- Why do we get presents at Christmas? (Answers vary.)
- We get presents to remind us of Jesus.
- Jesus was a Christmas present to us.
- Who gave us Jesus as a Christmas present? (God)
- Why did He give us Jesus as a Christmas present? (Because we sinned and Jesus needed to save us.)
- We get presents at Christmas to remind us of the best Christmas present ever, Jesus.
- Without Jesus as our Christmas present we wouldn't have our sins taken away.
- Why else do your parents buy Christmas presents for you?(They love us.)
- Your parents love you, and they show that by buying you presents at Christmas.
- Why did God give us Jesus as our best Christmas present? (He loved us.)
- Christmas is not about getting presents.
- Christmas is about believing that God loved us so much that He sent Jesus as a little baby to save us from our sins.
- Jesus is the best Christmas present ever.
- We want to go and tell everyone about this great Christmas present.
- Jesus was born to save us.
- That is why Jesus' name is so special.
- What does Jesus mean?(Saves or Savior)

Show the sheet from the beginning of the lesson to the class.

- Let's pray to Jesus thanking Him for being born to save us from our sins.
- Say a prayer thanking God for sending Jesus to be born to save us from our sins.*

Lesson 2 “Baptism and Temptation of Jesus” Matt. 3:13-4:11; Mark 1:9-13; Luke 3:21-4:13

PREPARATION

Suggested helps in preparing for Lesson 2 “Baptism and Temptation of Jesus”

- Read Matthew 3:13-4:11; Mark 1:9-13; Luke 3:21-4:13.
- Read and know the **INTRODUCTION** well.
- Gather the **MATERIALS** for the **INTRODUCTION**.
- Familiarize yourself with the **BACKGROUND** information.
- Study the story so you can tell it to the children without reading it.
- Read the passages in the **KEY THOUGHTS TO PRESENT** and study the key thoughts.
- Read and know the **APPLICATION** well.

MATERIALS:

- glass of water
- Bible
- dark shapes with the word “sin” on them, one for each student
(use for the Application section)

INTRODUCTION

Hold the glass of water up so the class can see it.

- What is in the cup? (Water)
- What do we use water for? (Washing, drinking, making plants grow)
- Water is important for us to stay alive. **Without water we couldn’t live for more than a couple of days.**
- We use water in church too.
- In church what do we use water for? (Baptizing children and adults; they may not know this)
- Jesus tells us that we should baptize all people. **We baptize babies, children, and adults.**
- What does it mean to “baptize” a person? (Answers vary.)
- When we baptize, we take water and sprinkle it on a person’s head and say some important words.
- What words do we say?(Answers vary.)

Hold the Bible up so the class can see it.

- We say special words that Jesus himself gave us. We say, **“I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”**
- When we sprinkle the water and say those words, God does something very special for us.
- God creates faith inside our heart, He washes away all our sin, and He makes us His children.
- Raise your hand if you think the water gives us the faith, washes away our sin, and makes us a child of God.
- Raise your hand if you think God’s Word gives us the faith, washes away our sin, and makes us a child of God.
- God’s Word is the power behind baptism. The water is just regular water from the faucet.
- Remember yesterday we talked about Jesus being just like us except for one thing. How was Jesus different from us? (He was perfect.)
- Would Jesus, a perfect person with no sin, have to be baptized to have His sin washed away? (No)

-Why not? (He doesn't have any sin.)

-In today's story we will hear that Jesus did need to be baptized, but it wasn't because He needed His sin washed away. Let's listen today to find out why Jesus needed to be baptized.

BACKGROUND

Simply and briefly tell students the following information about Jesus and John the Baptist:

- Jesus was born in Bethlehem but grew up in a town called Nazareth.
- Jesus learned things, ate, slept, played, and grew just like you did, but He didn't ever sin.
- When Jesus turned 30 years old, God wanted Jesus to start preaching to people.
- Jesus had a cousin named John who also preached about Jesus and baptized people.
- God wanted Jesus to go see John to be baptized by him.
- John baptized people in a river called the Jordan River.
- On the other side of the Jordan River was a wilderness area similar to a desert.
- God was going to show John and the people at the Jordan River that Jesus was the Son of God.
- God was also going to have Jesus fight against the devil while He was tempted in the wilderness.
- Jesus was baptized and tempted to show us that He is God and the Savior to save us from our sin.

KEY THOUGHTS TO PRESENT IN THE STORY

-Matt. 28:18 Jesus has all power in heaven and on earth.

-Rom. 8:31 If God is on our side, no one can hurt us.

-Rom. 5:17-21 Through faith Jesus' righteousness makes us righteous.

-Phil. 4:13 We can do all things (fight off temptation) with Christ who strengthens us.

-Heb. 2:18 Jesus was tempted and can help us when we are tempted.

-Heb. 4:14-16 Jesus has been through temptation just like us. We need to pray to Him for strength and help.

-Psalm 124:8 Our help comes from God who created all things.

**I believe that Jesus, God's Son, was baptized to be perfect for me.
Jesus also fought off every temptation from the devil to be the
perfect payment for my sin. Jesus did this because He loves me.**

APPLICATION

-In our story today the devil tried to get Jesus to sin.

-Who tries to get us to sin? (The devil)

-What are some sins the devil tries to get us to do? (Answers vary. Include some of the following if they have trouble coming up with ones on their own: fighting, lying, complaining, hitting, saying, "No," to your parents, fussing, being mean etc.)

-Sometimes we do these bad things. They are called sins.

Pass out the sin spots and have the students hold them over their hearts.

-Jesus doesn't want us to do these bad things called sins. He wants us to say, "No," to the devil when he tries to get us to sin.

-These sins are like dirty spots.

-Have you ever gotten your clothes dirty before? (Yes)

-How does your mom or dad get your clothes clean? (They wash them.)

-What do they use when they wash them? (They use water.)

-Our sins are the dirty spots on us. We need to get rid of the dirty sins.

-Who gets rid of our dirty sin spots? (Jesus)

-How? (He died on the cross to take away our sins, baptizes us to wash away our sins.)

-Jesus was baptized for us and fought off the devil so He could stay perfect.

-Then Jesus died on the cross to take away all our sins.

Take the glass of water and pretend to dump it on the sin spots. Tell the students to crumple the sin spots up and throw them away.

-When we are baptized, our sins are washed away.

-Jesus has taken away all our sins. He lived a perfect life by being baptized and fighting off the devil.

-Then He died on the cross to take away our sins.

-Jesus gives us baptism to wash away our sins, to give us faith, and to become a child of God.

-Why did Jesus do this for us? (He loved us.)

-What can we do when the devil tries to get us to sin? (Pray, and use God's Word.)

-Jesus fought off the devil with God's Word and so can we.

-Jesus is stronger than the devil. Jesus defeated the devil. We don't have to be afraid of the devil.

-Now we want to tell everyone that Jesus lived a perfect life and died to take away all our sins.

-Let's pray to Jesus thanking Him for being baptized, fighting off the devil, and washing away all our sins by dying on the cross.

Say a prayer thanking God for sending Jesus to save us from our sins.

Lesson 3 “Preaching and Healing by Jesus” Mark 2:1-13; Parallel – Matt. 9:1-8; Lk 5:11-26

PREPARATION

Suggested helps in preparing for Lesson 3 “Preaching and Healing by Jesus”

- Read Mark 2:1-13, Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 5:11-26.
- Read and know the **INTRODUCTION**.
- Gather the **MATERIALS** for the **INTRODUCTION**.
- Familiarize yourself with the **BACKGROUND** information.
- Study the story so you can tell it to the children without reading it.
- Read the passages in the **KEY THOUGHTS TO PRESENT** and study the key thoughts.
- Read and know the **APPLICATION**.

MATERIALS: - medical supplies such as a thermometer, Tylenol, liquid medicine, band aids, etc.
A wheelchair would be helpful too.
Pink or red water based marker.

INTRODUCTION

Have the medical supplies on display. Ahead of class make small red dots (chicken pox) on your arm where it can be hidden before you show it to the class.

- Have any of you been sick or injured?** (Answers vary)
- What did your mom or dad do to help you?** (Answers vary)
- I have a pretend sickness, chicken pox.** (Show the class your injury or pox.)
- Did you know that each of us have a terrible sickness that you can't see?**
- What sickness am I talking about?** (sin)
- Which of the medicines can take care of sin?** (None can.)
- Only Jesus could take away our sins and make us perfect in God's sight.**
- What did Jesus do for us so that our sins are forgiven?** (Jesus died on the cross and rose again.)

Optional wheelchair: Have a child sit in the chair and push them around.

- Today we are going to hear about a man who would need a wheelchair if he lived today.**
- He could not move his body so his friends had to lift him and take him to see Jesus.**
- Jesus is going to make him well so that he can walk again.**
- First Jesus will heal the man's sins that can not be seen.**
- How do you think the man will feel after Jesus takes His sins away?** (Happy.)
- How will he feel when Jesus makes him walk?** (Happy.)
- How would you feel if you saw Jesus make someone in a wheelchair walk?** (Surprised.)
- Let's hear today's lesson and see how the man and the crowd of people feel.**
- Where do you think I got the lesson for today?** (The Bible.)

BACKGROUND

Simply and briefly tell students the following background information:

- Describe how the homes in the warm climate of Jesus times had a flat roof and would be made of material like branches, cane or leaves that could be lifted.
- Describe paralysis and demonstrate (if time permits) by having one of the children lie still and show how he (she) would have to be lifted in order to move.
- They did not have wheelchairs so the man had to have his friends carry him to see Jesus.
- Remind the children that Jesus is God and can see into our hearts to see our faith.

KEY THOUGHTS TO PRESENT IN THE STORY

- Matt. 23 Jesus describes the Pharisees' unbelief and laments over Jerusalem and their lack of faith.
- Romans 3:19-28 Only faith in Jesus saves.
- Isaiah 42:1-8 Christ, the Servant of the LORD.
- John 20:22-23 The power from the Holy Spirit to forgive or retain sins.

I believe that Jesus does the miracle of forgiving sin because He loves me.

APPLICATION

- Which of the man's sicknesses did Jesus heal first? (Sin.)
 - Why did Jesus say He also healed the paralysis? (To show that He had power to forgive sins and power to make well.)
 - If Jesus could forgive the paralyzed man's sins, whose sins could Jesus also forgive? (The sins of the whole world.)
 - Does Jesus also heal our sicknesses that we can see and feel? (Yes.)
 - Can anyone think of a sickness or injury they had that Jesus made well? (Answers vary.)
 - Why did Jesus heal and forgive the man in today's lesson? (He loved him.)
 - Why did Jesus forgive our sins? (He loves us.)
 - How do we know Jesus loves us? (The Bible tells us.)
 - Let's sing a song that tells us that Jesus loves us. (Sing "Jesus Loves Me This I Know".)
- Optional:**
- You can use my marker to make a few dots on your arm.
 - Show the marks to your mom or dad and tell them about a sickness that we can't see and how Jesus has healed that sickness called sin.

-Let's pray to Jesus thanking Him for taking away our sicknesses but mostly for taking away our sin.
Say a prayer thanking God for sending Jesus to save us from our sins.

Lesson 4 “Death and Resurrection of Jesus”

Mark 15:22-28, 33-39; 16:1-8; Parallel – Matt.27:33-38, 45-54;28:1-8; Lk. 23:33-38, 44-54;24:1-8;
John 19:16-22, 28-30

PREPARATION

Suggested helps in preparing for Lesson 3 “Death and Resurrection of Jesus”

- Read the text in Mark, Matthew, Luke and John.
- Read and know the **INTRODUCTION** well.
- Gather the **MATERIALS** for the **INTRODUCTION**.
- Familiarize yourself with the **BACKGROUND** information.
- Study the story so you can tell it to the children without reading it.
- Read the passages in the **KEY THOUGHTS TO PRESENT** and study the key thoughts.
- Read and know the **APPLICATION** well.

MATERIALS:-picture of a graveyard or headstone

INTRODUCTION

Hold up the picture of the graveyard or headstone so the class can see it.

- What is this a picture of?** (Cemetery.)
- Have any of you been to a cemetery?** (Answers vary.)
- Why were you there?** (Someone died and was buried.)
- Why do you think some people are afraid of a cemetery?** (Possible answers: Don’t want to die. Don’t know about heaven. Afraid of ghosts.)
- Why don’t we need to be afraid of death?** (Jesus will take us to heaven.)
- In today’s lesson we will hear what Jesus did so that we will live in heaven with Him.**

BACKGROUND

Simply and briefly tell students the following information:

- Explain in simple terms what crucifixion was.
- Explain how they buried Jesus in a cave above ground and placed a rock in front of the hole.
- Explain how angels are God’s messengers to tell people information from God.

KEY THOUGHTS TO PRESENT IN THE STORY

- Job 19:25-26 We will rise with our body and see Jesus in heaven.
- Psalm 17:15 We will have a glorified body like Jesus.
- Psalm 16:9-11 Jesus will not leave us in the grave, but we will have true joy in heaven.
- Psalm 49:15 Jesus has power over the grave.
- Psalm 71:20 We will rise from the dead.
- Psalm 73:24 We will go to heaven.
- Daniel 12:2 Believers will go to heaven. Unbelievers will go to hell.
- Isaiah 26:19 The dead body will be raised from dust and join the soul.
- Isaiah 53:10-12 Jesus suffered and died for all people and intercedes for them.
- Hosea 13:14 Jesus has power over death and the grave.

- Matt. 12:38-42 Jesus explains the sign of Jonah.
- Matt. 16:21 Jesus showed His disciples that He must suffer and die.
- Matt 8:31 Jesus showed His disciples that He would rise after three days.
- Mark 14:28 Jesus will go to Galilee after He is raised.
- Matt. 22:31-32 God is God of the living.
- John 5:28-29 Resurrection of believers to heaven and unbelievers to hell.
- John 6:40 We will be raised on the last day.
- John 11:25-26 Whoever believes in Jesus will live forever in heaven.

I believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead because He loves me.

APPLICATION

Make a “V” with your index and middle finger. Show the children how to do that.

- This “V” often shows the meaning “victory” in sports or other times.**
- What victory did Jesus have in today’s lesson.** (Jesus had victory over death.)
- You can show that “V” to your mom and dad and tell them that you learned how Jesus had victory over death .**
- What message did the angel have?** (Jesus is not here. He is risen!)
- What message does Jesus want us to tell?** (He is risen!)
- Why is that such an important message?** (Those who believe that Jesus died for their sins will go to heaven just like Jesus did.)

Show the graveyard once again..

- Why don’t we need to be afraid of the grave?** (It is only a temporary place for us.)
- What do we know about heaven?** (We will be with Jesus.)
- What will it be like in heaven?** (Wonderful, because we will be living with Jesus and all other believers and the angels.)

-Let’s pray to Jesus thanking Him for dying on the cross and rising again so that we, too, will have victory over death and live in heaven.

Say a prayer thanking God for sending Jesus to save us from our sins and rising again so that we will rise and live in heaven with Jesus..

Lesson 5 “Ascension and Return of Jesus” Luke 24:46-50; Acts 1:9-11;
Parallel Mark 16:19-20; Matt. 25:31-34, 41, 46; Acts 1:3-8

PREPARATION

Suggested helps in preparing for Lesson 3 “Ascension and Return of Jesus”

- Read the text in Mark, Matthew, Luke and John.
- Read and know the **INTRODUCTION** well.
- Gather the **MATERIALS** for the **INTRODUCTION**.
- Familiarize yourself with the **BACKGROUND** information.
- Study the story so you can tell it to the children without reading it.
- Read the passages in the **KEY THOUGHTS TO PRESENT** and study the key thoughts.
- Read and know the **APPLICATION** well.

MATERIALS:

- picture of a home being built
- picture of a mansion

INTRODUCTION

Hold up the picture of the house being built so the class can see it.

- What is this a picture of?** (A house being built.)
- Have any of you seen a house being built?** (Answers vary.)
- Maybe your dad had to get the house ready for your family to move in.**
- The Bible tells us that Jesus went to heaven to get a place ready for us to live.**

Hold up the picture of the mansion so the class can see it.

- What is this?** (A mansion.)
- This is the kind of home Jesus is preparing for us only way better than anything we have ever seen on earth.**

BACKGROUND

Simply and briefly tell students the following information:

- Explain in simple terms what ascension means.
- Explain how Jesus slowly went up to heaven until He disappeared from sight.
- Explain how the angels are God’s messengers to tell the disciples that Jesus would return.

KEY THOUGHTS TO PRESENT IN THE STORY

- Psalm 47:5-9 Praise the ascended LORD.
- Ephesians 4:8-12 Gifts of the risen Christ.
- Psalm 68:18 You have led captivity captive.
- Philippians 3:20, 21 We are citizens of heaven waiting to be taken home.
- Psalm 110 Psalm of the King-Priest
- Hebrews 4:14-16 Jesus, our great High Priest.
- John 14:1-6 “I go to prepare a place for you.”

- Hebrews 10:11-13 Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament sacrifices. Jesus only had to die once for the sins of all.
- Romans 8:14 The Spirit of God has made us sons of God.
- 1 Thess. 4:13-18 Jesus explains Judgment Day.
- Ephesians 1:20-23 Jesus rules in heaven. "He put all things under His feet."

**I believe that Jesus ascended to heaven and plans to return because
He loves me.**

APPLICATION

Show the mansion once again..

- What did Jesus go to prepare for us?** (A mansion with many rooms.)
- What did Jesus promise?** (Jesus will come again and take us to heaven.)
- What will it be like?** (Wonderful, because we will be with Jesus and all believers and the angels.)

-Let's pray to Jesus thanking Him for being born as a human, being baptized, living a perfect life, dying on the cross and rising again, and finally ascending to heaven so that we, too, will one day live in heaven.
Say a prayer thanking God for sending Jesus.