



WEEK 1

PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

We can celebrate God's plan.

THE BIBLE

Mary and Joseph: Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-24

WELCOME TIME

Heroes meet in the Youth Room for worship.

ACTIVITY | Don't Trip!

- Today, we are going to be hearing a Bible story about a man and woman who went on a great trip! We are going to do an activity that allows us to go on a trip, too!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before the kids arrive, set up a maze in the room out of plastic cones, stepping stones, hula hoops, etc (stuff you can find in the room). Line the kids up at the beginning of the maze, and encourage them to go through the maze as fast as they can without skipping any of the obstacles and while making sure they don't trip on anything!*

TEACHING TIME

THE BIG IDEA | We can celebrate God's plan.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before the kids arrive, write up the Big Idea on a piece of paper. Place the paper in a box and cover it in gift wrap. Hide the present somewhere in the room.*
- Hi, friends! **Who can tell me what holiday many of us are celebrating this month?** Christmas! That's right! In the spirit of the holiday season, we are going to find our Big Idea hidden inside of a present! Everyone take a look around the room and see if you can find it! [Once it is found and opened, read the Big Idea aloud.]
- Our Big Idea for this week is: We can celebrate God's plan! Repeat that with me: **We can celebrate God's plan!**



MAIN EVENT | WEEK 1 PRESCHOOL LESSON

VIDEO | Main Event, Episode 1

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's preschool [teaching video](#). ([Main Event Preschool Week 1 on Vimeo](#))

SCRIPTURE | Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-24

- **Can anyone tell me why we celebrate Christmas?** Yep! Because that's when we celebrate Jesus being born!
- Before Jesus was born, Jesus' parents were living pretty normal lives. They were not married yet when an angel appeared to Mary. The angel's name was Gabriel. Gabriel said, "Do not be afraid, Mary. God has blessed you in a very special way. You are going to have a baby and you will give him the name, Jesus."
- Mary was very confused at first. How was she going to have a baby? Gabriel explained to Mary that whatever God says will come true. Mary was a faithful follower to God and said, "May it happen to me just as you said it would."
- Some time later, Joseph was visited by an angel in a dream while he was sleeping. Joseph was worried about Mary and the baby. But the angel told Joseph that Mary's baby was indeed God's Son, so he didn't need to be afraid!
- God had a plan to bring Jesus to Earth and Mary and Joseph were blessed to be a part of God's plan. Aren't we glad that God's plan is perfect and always works out?

ACTIVITY | Angel Says

- Today, we heard a story about an angel named Gabriel who told Mary what she was supposed to do and what God had planned for her! We are going to play a game with our own angel! Pay attention to what the angel tells you to do and make sure to follow along!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, create a halo out of gold pipe cleaners by twisting two of them together into a circle and twisting the ends together to secure it. Choose one kid to be the leader and place the halo on their head. Tell the other kids to follow whatever the "angel" tells them to do. Some ideas are run in place, hop up and down, pat your belly, point to your nose, make a silly face, etc.

PRAYER

- Dear God, the plan You made for Mary and Joseph was so amazing! We thank You so much for the gift of Jesus. Help us to always trust in Your plans!

DISCUSSION TIME

ACTIVITY | Our Greatest Treasure

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, print the "Greatest Treasure" activity sheets for each kid. Instruct the kids to trace the path on the activity sheet, following Mary and Joseph on their path from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Once the path has been traced, look and see what they have drawn!



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MEMORY VERSE | Luke 1:46-47 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before your group time, write one word from each of the memory verse on one side of a piece of paper. When you are finished, flip them over and number them in order. Spread out all the paper around the room with the numbers showing. Have kids travel to #1, pick up the paper, then say the word on the other side with your help. Then have them find and travel to paper #2. Once they have gone through all the numbers, read through the memory verse a few times together.

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a coloring page along with crayons, markers, or colored pencils. Remind them of today's story, memory verse, and Big Idea as they color!

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.