



Teaching Guide - PRESCHOOL & VSN

Monthly Theme: All Aboard! Let Jesus Lead the Way

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LESSON - GOD’S PLAN!

All aboard, Victory Kids! Trains need a track and a conductor to get where they’re going, and so do we! Jesus is our conductor, and when we follow Him, He leads us the right way, too!

Last week, we learned that God made a promise to send a Savior. This week, we’ll see how God’s big plan started to come true through two special people: Mary and Joseph!

Can you say Mary and Joseph?

SAY IT: Mary and Joseph

In a little town called Nazareth, there was a young woman named Mary. She wasn’t famous or rich, but she loved God with all her heart. Mary was planning to marry a man named Joseph, who was a kind builder. One day, something amazing happened! An angel named Gabriel came to visit Mary. He said, “Don’t be afraid, Mary! God has chosen you. You will have a baby, and His name will be Jesus.” Mary was afraid, but she trusted God. She said, “Yes, Lord! I will do what You say.”

SAY IT: God’s plan is always good!

DO IT: Give a big thumbs up to show God’s plan is good!

Now let’s talk about Joseph. Joseph loved Mary and wanted to do what was right. One night, while Joseph was sleeping, an angel came to him in a dream! The angel said, “Joseph, don’t be afraid. Mary will have a baby. You will name Him Jesus, because He will save His people.” When Joseph woke up, he was not afraid, and he said “yes” to God’s plan, just like Mary did!

SAY IT: I can say yes to God!

DO IT: Place your hand over your heart to say yes to God.

God had a special plan for Mary and Joseph, to care for baby Jesus! And guess what? God has a special plan for you, too! When you listen, help, and show love, just like Mary and Joseph did, you’re doing what God made you to do!

SAY IT: God has a plan for me!

DO IT: Point to yourself and say, “me!”

PRAYER: Dear GOD, thank You for having a good plan. Thank You for choosing Mary and Joseph to help bring Jesus into the world. Help me to trust You and follow your directions every day. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3YR OLDS

Question 1: Did God send an angel to Mary? **(Yes)**

Question 2: Did Mary say “No” to God’s plan? **(No)**

Question 3: Was Joseph kind and obedient? **(Yes)**

Question 4: Did the angel tell Joseph to name the baby Jesus? **(Yes)**

4YRS - 1ST GRADE

Question 1: Who did God choose to be part of His plan? **Mary or Joseph**

Question 2: What did the angel tell Mary? **That she would have a baby named Jesus.**

Question 3: How did Joseph feel after the angel talked to Him? **He was not afraid, and he said “yes” to God’s plan**

Question 4: Can we be part of God’s plan? **Yes**



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ACTIVITY 1: THE BIBLE SAYS!

Items Needed: N/A

Connection: Mary and Joseph listened to God. When they were told to do something, they followed His directions. When we listen to God and follow His directions, that makes God happy! We need to follow God, just like Mary and Joseph did, by doing what God tells us to do. We can hear God and follow his directions, too! One tool we use to listen to God is the Bible.

Step 1: Instruct the children to complete the action immediately after “Bible Says”

Example: Say “ Bible says jump for joy”, Demonstrate jumping happily and have kids follow along. Now try with the following prompts:

The Bible says: shout Halleluiah!, tell a friend, “Jesus loves you.” shout, “Praise the Lord!” clap your hands for Jesus!

ACTIVITY 2: FOLLOW DIRECTIONS TRAIN!

Items Needed: N/A

Connection: God’s Plan Requires listening and following directions

Live Host Script: All aboard, Victory Kids! This is the Follow Directions Train! When I say stop, we stop! When I say go, we go! Let’s follow our conductor just like Mary and Joseph followed God’s plan. Ready? Choo choo!

Step 1: Kids line up behind the leader (you or a helper) and hold onto the shoulders of the person in front of them like a train.

Step 2: As the “train” moves around the room, the leader calls out directions (stop, go, slow, turn, choo-choo!).

Step 3: After each turn, celebrate with a cheer: Chugga Chugga...Well Done!

ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY OR STORY TIME

Items Needed: Bubbles and music OR book basket

We’ve got some extra time today, so let’s spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

ANGEL TREE TOPPER CRAFT

Items Needed: Angel cutout, crayons, tape and paper cone

Step 1: Have children color their Angel cutout.

Step 2: Teacher will tape the cutout to the front of the paper cone.

Step 3: Now your Angel is ready for the top of a tree.

MARY AND JOSEPH COLORING SHEET

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Mary and Joseph were part of God’s great plan, and so are we.

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

**I bring you good news of
great joy!”**

Luke 2:10

