



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! Choo, choo! Every train has a message to deliver, and today our message is full of joy: the Good News has come! Jesus, our Savior, is here!

Last week, we learned how God's light led the shepherds to find baby Jesus. Then we were able to say Happy Birthday to Jesus by celebrating his birth. This week, we'll meet two more people who got to see God's promise come true: a man named Simeon and a woman named Anna.

Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the temple (a temple was something like a church back then) to say thank You to God. An old man named Simeon loved God and had been waiting a long time to see Jesus. God told Simeon he would see the Savior before he died. When Simeon saw Jesus, he was so happy! He held Him and thanked God. Simeon knew God always keeps His promises.

SAY IT: God keeps His promises!

DO IT: Give yourself a big hug to show how happy Simeon felt.

At the temple, there was also a woman named Anna. She loved God and prayed to Him every day. When she saw baby Jesus, she was so happy! She thanked God and told everyone, "Jesus is here!" She knew this was the best news ever. God had sent His Son to save us! Anna couldn't stop worshiping God and sharing the good news. When we sing, pray, and say thank You to God, like when we use our instruments, we are worshiping too, just like Anna!

SAY IT: I can worship God!

DO IT: Lift your hands high and say, "Thank You, God!"

Simeon and Anna were so happy about Jesus, they told everyone! We can share the good news, too! We can say, "Jesus loves you!" We can be kind, help our friends, and share our things. The good news of Jesus keeps going from heart to heart!

SAY IT: I can share the good news about Jesus!

DO IT: Put your hands on your heart and say, "Jesus loves you!"

PRAYER: Dear GOD, thank You for sending Jesus, our Savior. Thank You for keeping Your promises. Help me to worship You with joy and share your love with others every day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3YR OLDS

Question 1: Did Simeon wait a long time to see baby Jesus? **(Yes)**

Question 2: Did Simeon and Anna keep the good news a secret? **(No)**

Question 3: Did God keep His promise to Simeon? **(Yes)**

Question 4: Can we tell others that Jesus loves them? **(Yes)**

4YRS - 1st GRADE

Question 1: Who was waiting to see the Savior? **Simeon and Anna**

Question 2: What did Simeon do when he saw baby Jesus? **He thanked God and worshiped.**

Question 3: What did Anna do after seeing Jesus? **She told everyone the good news!**

Question 4: What is the "Good News"? **That Jesus, the Savior, has come!**



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ACTIVITY 1: PASS THE GOOD NEWS!

Items Needed: N/A

Connection: We must pass the Good News to everyone we meet!

Step 1: Go around the room and each child/person says something good about Jesus

ACTIVITY 2: PRAISE PARADE!

Items Needed: Small instruments (tambourines, shakers, rhythm sticks, bells), upbeat Christmas worship song

Connection: Just as Simeon worshiped and praised when he saw baby Jesus. We can praise because God is with us.

Step 1: Grab instruments or turn on music.

Step 2: March around the room in a "Praise Parade."

Step 3: Encourage kids to raise their hands or sing phrases like "Thank You, Jesus!" and "Jesus is born!"

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).

NATIVITY SCENE COLORING SHEET

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Celebrate Christ's Birth

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

