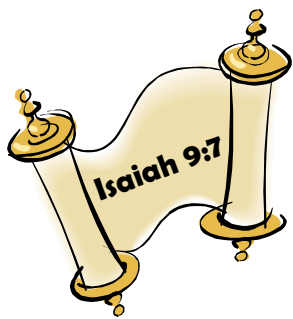




PROMISES KEPT

Lesson 2



HE WILL RULE ON KING DAVID'S THRONE

Scriptures

Isaiah 9:7
Matthew 1:1-25

Memory Verse

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Lesson for use with Joseph Candle

The Promise: “The authority of His rule will continue to grow. The peace He brings will never end. He will rule on David’s throne and over His kingdom. He will make the kingdom strong and secure. His rule will be based on what is fair and right. It will last forever. The Lord’s great love will make sure that happens. He rules over all.” Isaiah 9:7 (NIV)

The Promise Kept: Did you know that long ago God promised that His Son would rule on King David’s throne? That would mean that He had to come from King David’s family, and He did! The Bible (Matthew 1) explains that King David and his father, Jesse, descended from Abraham and his son and grandson. From King David descended, among others, his son Solomon, Rehoboam, Abijah, Jehoshaphat, Josiah, Zerubbabel, Matthan, and Jacob. Until, ultimately, God’s Son, Jesus, was born to Joseph and Mary. And it happened like this . . .

Joseph and Mary had promised to marry each other. Back then, when you promised to marry someone it was a serious commitment. It was almost as big a commitment as being married but without living together. It meant that you would be faithful to each other. To get out of this commitment required a divorce, just like in a marriage. The couple was usually promised to each other for at least a year; then they married. Before Joseph and Mary were to be married, though, Mary became pregnant.

Who remembers from our last lesson how that happened? The angel Gabriel visited Mary. He had good news for her. God had chosen this young girl to carry His Son. Mary was pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit, but Joseph didn’t know that yet.

Joseph was thinking about ending his engagement with Mary. He thought she was pregnant with another man’s baby. Joseph could have made a scene and told everyone in town what he thought Mary had done to him, but he was a godly man. Joseph didn’t want to shame Mary in public. He finally decided that it would be best to divorce her quietly.

While Joseph was making his plans, an angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream. The angel told Joseph not to be afraid to marry Mary. The angel explained that the baby Mary was carrying was from the Holy Spirit. The angel even told Joseph that Mary would give birth to a son and that he was to name the baby Jesus. He would be given the name Jesus because that name means “God saves” and Jesus was coming into the world to save us from our sins.

All of this happened with Mary and Joseph, the angel, and the Holy Spirit to keep God’s promise given through the prophet Isaiah, “The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And He will be called Immanuel.”—(Isaiah 7:14)

Lesson Goals

- To understand that God promised to send His Son
- To understand that God promised His Son would rule forever on King David's throne
- To understand that God keeps His promises

Life Application

What does it mean for you that Jesus will rule forever on King David's throne? It affects all of us. Someone on a throne rules and reigns. Those who do right have nothing to fear, but those who disobey do. (Rom 13:3)

You are disobeying God if you choose to live your own way, doing things that please only you. That is called sin, and all of us have sinned. (Rom 3:23)

Jesus took the punishment our sin deserves. Jesus is the way God saves us from our sins (disobedience). Will you let Him have control of your life? This Jesus, who died in your place, brings peace that will never end, He rules based on what is right and fair, and His rule will last forever!

The name Immanuel means 'God with us.'

Remember, Joseph had been dreaming. Well, he woke up from that dream and he did what the angel of the Lord told him to do. Joseph obeyed God and he married Mary. He took her home to be his wife.

So, through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob all the way to King David and his descendants, including Joseph, God kept His promise to provide someone who would rule forever on King David's throne. Jesus, "God with us," would save us from our sins. He is fair and right. The Lord's great love made sure it happened just as He promised it would!

Review

- What was God's promise? (A forever ruler on King David's throne.)
- Did God keep His promise? (Yes.)
- How did God keep His promise? (through Joseph and Mary)
- Who did God send to Joseph? (the angel of the Lord)
- How did God send the angel? (in a dream)
- What did Joseph do when he woke up from the dream? (He obeyed God. He married Mary.)

Lesson 3
A Ruler Will Come Out of Bethlehem
Micah 5:2

Preschool Lesson

An Idea

Bring crowns to class today. Give each child a crown before you begin the story. Tell them you'll be talking about kings and thrones today.

Do you remember from last week that Joseph and Mary had promised to marry each other? We talked about Mary, but who was Joseph? Joseph was a carpenter. Joseph was from the family of King David from long ago. And Joseph was a good man. Before Joseph and Mary were to be married, though, Mary became pregnant.

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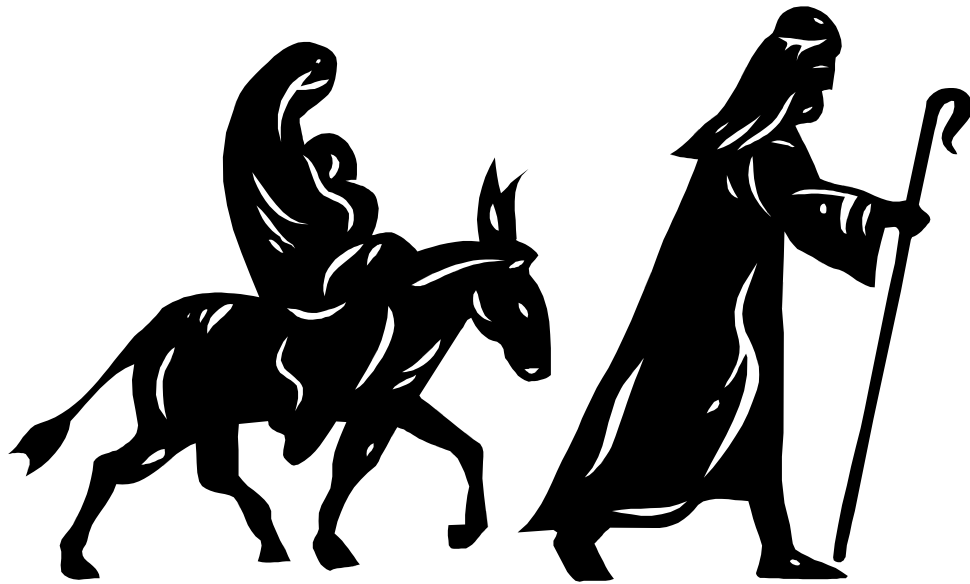
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Activities

- Make a “Jesse Tree.” (Isaiah 11:1-2) Decorate a Christmas Tree with ornaments that remind you of Old Testament stories that point to Jesus. For example, use stars as a reminder of God’s promise of blessing the earth through Abraham, a red ribbon as a reminder of Rahab, origami doves as a reminder of Noah, etc. Use the angel garland you made last week. Tell the Old Testament stories as you decorate your tree.
- Make a family tree for Jesus’ earthly parents. Use Matthew 1 as a guide. If time allows, encourage your students to make their own family tree, as well.
- Write the memory verse on sheets of thin wood. Talk about Joseph being a carpenter.
- Do the Math! Read Matthew 1:1-17. Talk about the numbers of generations there were. Make big block letters of the number “14.” Illustrate the number “14” with scenes from the story.



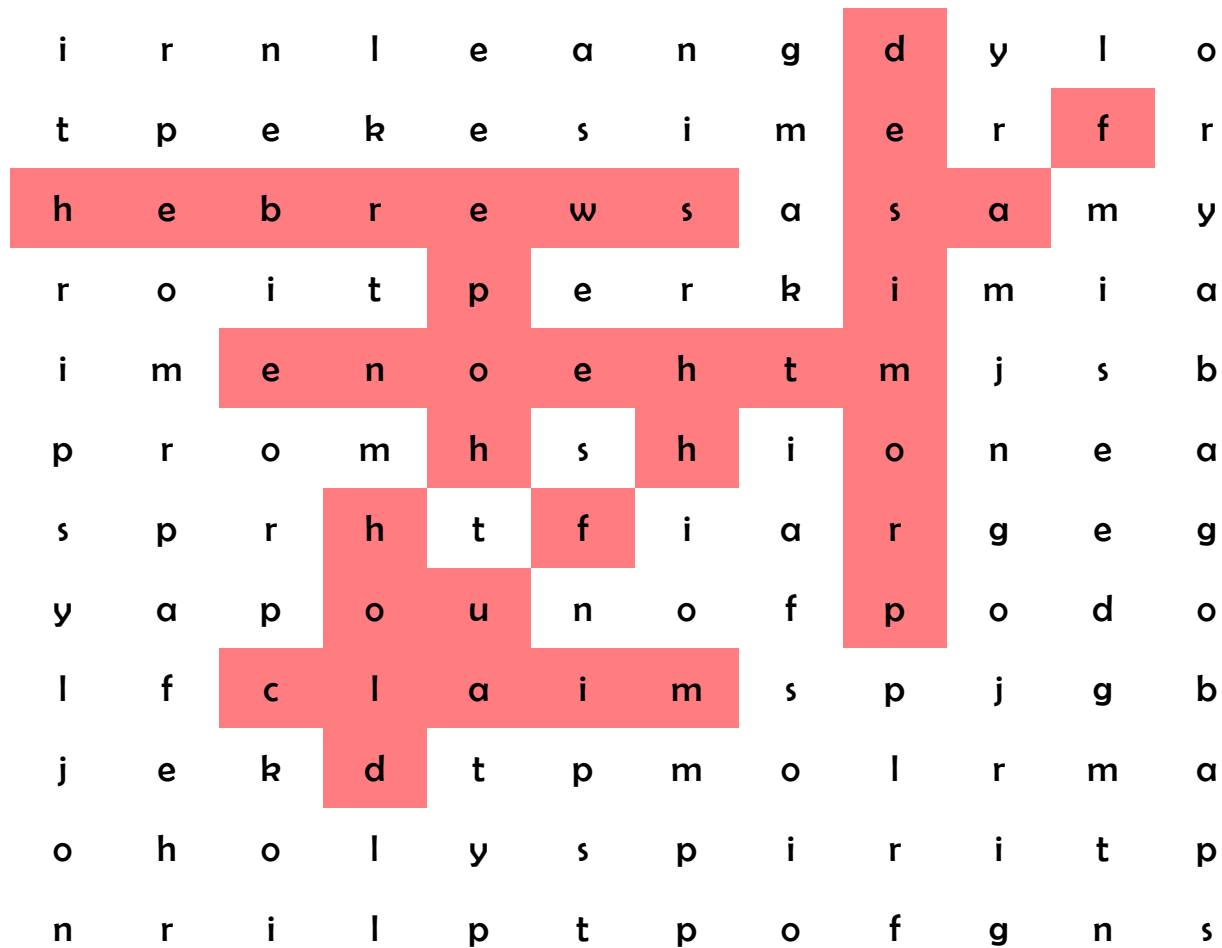
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