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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

LESSON 2

Your Light Has Come

Luke 1:26-38



Scriptures

Isaiah 60:1-3
Isaiah 50:10

Memory Verse

Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.
Isaiah 50:10 (NIV)

Lesson Goals

Understand that the angel Gabriel also visited Mary

Understand that Mary, who was a virgin, would have a child

Understand that God's Holy Spirit would make the birth of Jesus possible

Advent Candle

Mary

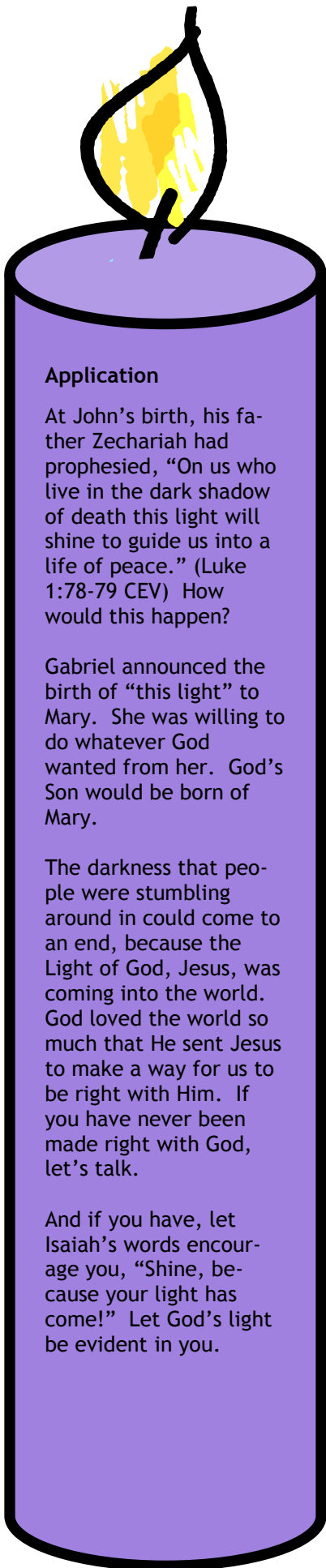
Have you ever stumbled around in the dark, but refused to turn the light on? Last week, we talked about how the dark represents sin. Why would someone choose to stumble around in a sinful life when the Light of God is available to light the way? Our memory verse says, "Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God." (Isaiah 50:10 NIV)

Last week we also talked about someone sent from God who would tell people about the Light. Who was that? It was John, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth. When John was born, his father said, "God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky. On us who live in the dark shadow of death this light will shine to guide us into a life of peace." (Luke 1:78-79 CEV) So, when would that happen? Let's see!

The Bible tells us that when Elizabeth was six months pregnant with John, "God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee." (Luke 1:26 NIV) What could there be in Nazareth? Some people thought there was nothing good in Nazareth. (John 1:46) God's plan was to show the world that the best could come out of Nazareth! The angel Gabriel's mission was to visit a young girl in Nazareth. The young girl was a virgin. Her name was Mary and she was engaged to a man named Joseph. Gabriel's first words to Mary were this, "The Lord has given you special favor. He is with you." (Luke 1:28 NIV)

This upset Mary. She wondered about the angel's words to her and just as he had done with Zechariah, Gabriel told Mary not to be afraid. Then, Gabriel shared his message. "God is very pleased with you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son." (Luke 1:30-31 NIV) Then Gabriel told Mary what the baby's name would be - Jesus. He would also be called the Son of the Most High God and He would reign forever on King David's throne.

"How can this happen?" Mary asked the angel. "I am a virgin." (Luke 1:34 NIV) Mary knew that under normal conditions there was no way she could be pregnant, but these were not normal conditions! The Holy Spirit was going to come to Mary and God's power was going to cover her. Mary would give birth to the Son of God! "Your relative Elizabeth is old. And even she is going to have a child . . . Nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:36-37 NIV)



Application

At John's birth, his father Zechariah had prophesied, "On us who live in the dark shadow of death this light will shine to guide us into a life of peace." (Luke 1:78-79 CEV) How would this happen?

Gabriel announced the birth of "this light" to Mary. She was willing to do whatever God wanted from her. God's Son would be born of Mary.

The darkness that people were stumbling around in could come to an end, because the Light of God, Jesus, was coming into the world. God loved the world so much that He sent Jesus to make a way for us to be right with Him. If you have never been made right with God, let's talk.

And if you have, let Isaiah's words encourage you, "Shine, because your light has come!" Let God's light be evident in you.

Mary was willing to do whatever God wanted her to do. "I serve the Lord," answered Mary. "May it happen to me just as you said it would.'" (Luke 1:38 NIV)

The announcement had been given and Gabriel left. This announcement sounded like one from the Old Testament. We find it in Isaiah 60:1-3,

"People of Jerusalem, get up. Shine, because your Light has come. My glory will shine on you. Darkness covers the earth. Thick darkness spreads over the nations. But I will rise and shine on you. My glory will appear over you. Nations will come to your light. Kings will come to the brightness of your new day."

Gabriel had announced the birth of Jesus, the Light that was coming into the world. John would be born to prepare the way. The darkness that people were stumbling around in could come to an end. A new day was dawning!

Review

1. The angel Gabriel visited someone other than Zechariah. Who was it? (Mary)
2. What do you know about Mary? (She lived in Nazareth. She was a young girl and she was a virgin. She was engaged to Joseph.)
3. What did Gabriel tell Mary? (She would have a son, God's Son.)
4. How did Mary respond? (I serve the Lord. May it happen to me just as you said it would.)

Next Week

God is the Source of Salvation and Light
Matthew 1:18-25

Advent Candle - Joseph

Activities

Memory Verse Activity - Make small posters, black on one side - white on the other. Print the first portion of the verse with white crayon on the black side. Print the other portion of the verse in black on the white side.

Sing “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus,” “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise,” “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee,” “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus,” “Arise, Your Light Has Come,” and “I Surrender All.”

Create a “Blind Obstacle Course” in the dark. Make it simple. Encourage your students to go slowly. After everyone has had a chance, turn on the lights. Send your students through again and talk about how much easier the obstacle course was in the light!

Mary sang a song about the goodness of God at choosing her to be the mother of Jesus. Read Luke 1:46-55. Create your own song or poem about the birth of Jesus and about God’s goodness.

Decorate your Christmas Tree with candles. Be sure not to turn the lights on until the birth of Jesus lesson.

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