

LUKE 1 – Sunday AM lesson

Team Memory Verse:

Goal: Begin to identify own own needs and what it takes to get us to be a blessing.

How did God meet their need?

Zechariah & Elizabeth's NEED – a child

Had these Godly people given up asking for a child? Was the prayer the angel refers to a new one or an "old" one?

Are we startled when we face an answer to prayer?

Joseph & Mary's NEED – a normal courtship and marriage

God meets Mary's need (and others need) with an unplanned pregnancy?!?!

We had two women who answer this description: They believed that God met not only their need, but needs beyond their own.

Luke 1:45 – Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"

Luke 1:65- The neighbors were all filled with awe....

Who celebrates with us? Who mourns with us? Are they filled with awe?

Mary's Magnificent:

Luke 1:50 – His mercy extends to those who fear him- This we act on and believe

Luke 1:53 – He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty – We believe we are the hungry

Zechariah's magnificent:

Luke 1:68 – He has redeemed his people – This we act on and believe

Luke 1:74 – to rescue us from the hand of our enemies and to enable us to serve him without fear – We are still waiting to be rescued! We are still waiting to be enabled. – We are body building rather than training and serving.

The oath to Abraham –

Genesis 12:2 – I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you. I will make your name great and you will be a blessing. – Are we waiting for God to make our name great?

Luke 1:80 – And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel. – There is a time to wait and a time to go public. How do we determine which?

Where are the places in your life? - On your paper, draw them as boxes and label them as your places. (Home, work, store, school, church, neighborhood, etc.) Put an X in the boxes where you are waiting to go public and be a blessing. Put a star in the boxes where you have gone public and are a blessing. How do you turn an X into a star?

KID'S THEME: MARY & JOSEPH - Matthew 1:18-25; **Luke 1:26-56;**
Luke 2:1-7;

MEMORY VERSE: "God loved us and sent His Son." I John 4:10

STORY: The Bible tells us this about Jesus' birth:

An angel came to Mary and said, "You have pleased God. You will have a baby and will name him Jesus. He will be the Son of God." Mary was happy to do what God wanted.

Mary was was going to marry Joseph. Joseph didn't know what to think when Mary told him she was going to have a baby. He prayed about it, and an angel came to talk to him. The angel said, "Don't be afraid to marry her. The baby is God's Son. You will name the baby Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." Joseph was happy to do what God wanted.

Joseph and Mary had to go to Bethlehem to pay their taxes. The city was crowded with people, and they couldn't find a room to stay in. So, they stayed in the stable with the animals.

Baby Jesus was born there. Mary wrapped Him in clean cloths. His first crib was a manger, the place where the animal's hay was kept.

Have unbreakable nativity set for kids to handle.

Spend time taking care of a doll "baby". What do you think Mary did for Jesus?

Make Christmas cards

Make manger out of popsicle sticks (make ahead? so it is dry?), add "straw" (shredded newspaper? or yellow construction paper?) & "baby" (tissue over cotton ball, tied at neck with string or marshmallows stacked on toothpick? & wrapped in fabric scrap?).

SONGS: "Away in a Manger"

Glory to God in the Highest

Jesus is His Name