

GOD SENDS HIS SAVIOR-KING!

Scripture: Matthew-John

Materials Needed:

4 pictures of one event
Nativity set Jesus; wrapped in gift box
Visuals for story/pp
Old "Adam" apple
New apple
Worksheets

Objectives: As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—God announced the coming of His Savior-King through the Prophets, through angels, through the wise men and through John the Baptist; and Jesus demonstrated that He was the Savior through His sinless life, His miracles and teachings, and through offering Himself as a perfect sacrifice on the cross, which God found acceptable and therefore raised Him back to life again.

To Realize—Jesus is the Savior that God announced, and after He lived a sinless life, He offered Himself up as a sinless sacrifice for sins, being raised from the dead as evidence it had been accepted.

To Respond by—acknowledging Jesus as God's promised, perfect Messiah, and receiving His sacrifice for forgiveness from sin.

Setting up the Story:

Use four pictures of the same event. Three are similar (e.g., from inside the house); one is from a different angle. Ask: do you think these pictures are from the same event or are they different events? How do you know? (same people, dress, etc.) Why do you think we took four pictures of this event? Which is better—one picture or four pictures? Why?

When God was going to send His Savior into the world, He was going to have four pictures for us to be able to see the events that were taking place. Three of them were going to be from one angle, one from the other angle—but all with one purpose: to show us God's Savior! (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

Before we look at those pictures, I have an important question.

(Hold up rotten Adam apple) What happened when Adam sinned? Sin and death entered the human race and we said that EVERY person born from Adam has sin and death inside, right?

So how can someone that has sin and death inside them be a Savior for someone else? Impossible!!

Read Genesis 3:15. So, how is God going to send this savior through a woman; won't that have sin and death?

Here's another question: How did God make Adam? Formed a body from the ground and breathed life into it by HIS SPIRIT. Do you know what God is going

to do? (bring out new apple) He is going to form a body for his Eternal Son, and breath life into it by HIS SPIRIT. This new apple is not going to come from Adam, so it will not have sin and death. Jesus has a body like Adam, but he does not have sin and death, He has LIFE and LIGHT because He is from God! He is called “the Second Adam.”

Scripture

Telling the story:

- I. God’s Savior-King is Announced
 - A. Through Prophets
 - B. Through Angels
 - 1. To Mary
 - 2. To Joseph
 - 3. To Shepherds
 - C. Through Wise Men
 - 1. News to Herod
 - 2. News to Jewish wise men
 - 3. All Jerusalem in a stir
 - D. Through John the Baptist
- II. Jesus Lives a Sinless Life and Keeps God’s Law of Love
 - A. Baptism
 - B. Tempted by Satan
 - 1. In the wilderness
 - 2. “all the nations”
 - C. Miracles
 - 1. Over nature
 - 2. Over sickness
 - 3. Over demons

As you tell the story:

Gen. 3:15
 Isaiah 7:14
 Blessing through Abraham.
 How does NT begin?
 “Son of Abraham, son of David.”
 Storytell events of annunciation to Mary.
 Matthew 1:21 “You shall call His name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”
 Luke 2:18 “for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord!”
 Matthew 2:1-2 “Where is He who was born King of the Jews?”
 John 1:29 “Look! The lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”
 This was said before Jesus had done any miracles!

Why did Jesus have to be tempted by Satan? Why did He have to have a choice? Love must be freely given/chosen; it cannot be forced.
 Just like Adam had to chose in the garden. First temptation was with food; just like Eve was tempted.

Mark 4:41 “Who is this that even the wind and the waves obey him?”

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Over death 5. In front of disciples 6. In private 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Teachings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "I am Light of the world" 2. "I am the resurrection and the Life" 	<p>Said at the Feast of Lights: John 8:12 "I am the Light of the world."</p> <p>Story about Lazarus John 11:25-26 Everything was to show WHO He was.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Reactions to Jesus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leaders: reject 2. Disciples: accept 	<p>Leaders rejected what they saw. Luke 11:15 "This man is from Satan." Luke 19:18-20 He asked the disciples "Who do men say that I am?" "You are the Christ, the son of the living God."</p>
<p>III. Jesus Offers Himself as an Acceptable Sacrifice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Betrayed B. Prays in the Garden "If there is any other way..." C. Before Pilate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "I have authority." 2. "My kingdom is not of this world." 3. Barabbas released 4. "We have no king but Caesar!" D. On the cross <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "My God, My God! Why have you forsaken me?" 2. "It is finished!" 	<p>The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep; it is not taken from him.</p> <p>Matthew 26:19 Briefly storytell.</p> <p>John 18:36</p> <p>John 19:15 What had they wanted from way back? A king like the other nations; and now look what they are choosing.</p> <p>Storytell events.</p> <p>John 19:30 "paid in full"</p>

3. Veil ripped from top to bottom in temple	Matthew 27:51
IV. God Accepts Jesus’ Sacrifice and Raises Him to Life	Matthew 28:6
A. Three Days Later	
B. He is not here, He is risen, like He said!	

Concluding the Story:

When Jesus was on earth, He told a religious leader one time, “You must be born again.” What did He mean? (hold up two apples) the one who is IN HIM has the life and light, because that is who Jesus is. The body is growing old and dying, because it is from Adam, but the spirit is connected to life. “He who has the Son has LIFE (hold up new apple), and he who does not have the Son does not have life (hold up rotten Adam apple), but the wrath of God is on him.”

I would like to close with this story:

(have wrapped present with baby Jesus from Nativity)

Four people come before God and they can ask him for whatever they need.

“This present is for the one with the greatest need.”

1. Uneducated person wants to better himself in life. Education. “You don’t want this present. You want a teacher. Here you go.” (sends him away)
2. Sick person comes with incurable disease. Medicine. “You don’t want this present. You want a doctor. Here you go.” (sends him away)
3. Person in remote place with difficult living conditions. Technology. “You don’t want this present. You want an electrician. Here you go.” (sends him away.)
4. Person is weeping. Can’t even look at God. “You don’t know what I’ve done. You wouldn’t want me if you knew about me!” “I do know about you and I know everything you’ve done. You have the greatest need because you need Forgiveness. Here you go. This present is for you.” Open present—Jesus. Jesus is the Savior that God gave us to meet our greatest need.

Close in prayer.