Lesson 55: Jesus Is Born Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20

Youtube Link: https://youtu.be/qNqEwkmBjxs

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/ouak-9IBuyQ

Worship Theme: Jesus is our Savior King.

Memory Verse: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:14)

Songs (Youtube links):

- 1. Silent Night https://youtu.be/2tmj1KqH-UQ
- 2. Hark the Herald angels Sing https://youtu.be/YdKl42L8W3o
- 3. Greeting Song https://youtu.be/K72xD0x_cyg

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Dress Up a King!

Materials Needed: Paper, markers, glue, scissors, stapler



- Divide the children into 2 or 3 groups.
 Explain to the children that they will choose one person to be the king of their group.
- 3. Using their given materials, dress up the king in 5-10 minutes.
- 4. The group that dressed up the king best wins the game (teacher is the judge).

5. We are pretending to be a king, but today, we will learn about a real king who came to save us.

Introduction:

Does anyone remember how Jesus came to earth? (He was born as a baby.) Where was Jesus before he came to earth? Before Jesus was born as a baby, he was in heaven, surrounded by angels who were constantly praising his name and giving him glory. He was like a king sitting on a throne! Why do you think he would leave heaven to be born as a baby who would be completely dependent on other people? (Jesus loved us so much that he left heaven to save us.)

Bible Story:

Our story begins when the ruler of the land, Caesar Augustus, decided that he wanted to count all the people who lived in his kingdom. A census is a way to count people, but to do it, everyone had to travel back to his hometown. Mary and Joseph were from the town of Bethlehem, so they had to walk many days in order to be there for the census.

By the time Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, the city was so crowded with travelers that there were no motels for Mary and Joseph to stay. When they arrived, the time came for the baby Jesus to be born. Where were they to go? The only place they could find was a stable, a place where animals slept and ate. This wasn't a nice, clean hospital with smart doctors to take care of him. Does that sound like the kind of place where a King would be born?

Everyone who heard about Jesus knew that his birth was good news. God had promised his people a Messiah, or one who would save them from their sins. Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah! He would live a perfect, sinless life in order to be a sacrifice for our sins when he died upon the cross. And now, whenever someone puts their trust in Jesus, they are forgiven for all their sins and can have a relationship with God! Jesus is our Savior! And even now, Jesus is ruling over his kingdom because he is our King! Jesus is our Savior King!

We thank God for sending Jesus to be our Savior King! And because we are forgiven by God, we can forgive other people when they wrong us. That means we don't have to carry around bitterness and anger towards other people! We can love them because God first loved us by sending Jesus, our Savior King!

Questions to discuss:

- 1. What town was Jesus born in? (Bethlehem)
- 2. What is a stable? (a place where animals sleep and eat)
- 3. Where were you born? (let the children answer)
- 4. Who was born in a stable? (Jesus)
- 5. Who is Jesus? (He is our Savior King)

Game: Be a Good King

Materials Needed: Cotton balls; 2 brooms



1. Divide the children into two groups and have each group stand on opposite sides of the classroom.

2. Give 1 broom to each group

3. Spread out the cotton balls all over the classroom.

4. Explain to the children Jesus is our Savior

and King, but he does not treat us like servants.

He takes care of us like sheep and guides us to safe places.

- 5. The children will become the good king and the cotton balls are like sheep.
- 6. The children will take turns sweeping up as many cotton balls (sheep) as possible to one side of the classroom (it can be anywhere in the room).
- 7. You also need to try to stop the other team from gathering the cotton balls.
- 8. Each person will have 10 seconds. After the time is up, another person can go and try to sweep up the cotton balls.
- 9. After the game:
 - a. Was it easy to gather the sheep (cotton balls)?
 - b. Always remember that Jesus is our Savior King, and nothing is too hard for him! Always trust that he will take good care of you!

Memory Verse:

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Craft: Crown for a King!

Materials Needed: Print crown (see below to print), cotton balls, crayons, glue

- 1. Give each child the printed copy of the crown.
- 2. They can decorate it by coloring and attaching cotton balls.
- 3. Explain to the children that this is a crown for Jesus our Savior King!



Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.) It is important to remember that Jesus is our Savior King. He not only came to save us from death and sin but also to be our King. Jesus is a kind and merciful King, full of love for us. Ask God to strengthen you and give you wisdom to share Jesus our Savior King today.

