

LESSON 3 MARY

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Jesus Is the Promised King

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1

GOD'S BIG STORY: God's people have waited for the promised King. At long last, an angel tells a young woman named Mary that she will be mother to the coming King Jesus.

Activity: Play Your Praise

Activity: Pack a Bag

Worship

God's Big Story

Prayer and Blessing

Activity: Jump for Joy and Jesus

Wonder@Home™

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

Object Lesson: Play Your Praise

SUPPLIES: toy musical instruments

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! Let's start today by making some music together. We can use instruments and our voices to praise God. Today we're going to learn about Mary. Mary was so thankful to God that she sang God a song. We'll learn more about it in our story today. Let's make a song together.

Allow the kids to play with the instruments as they wish. Encourage them to take turns trying different instruments.

Activity: Pack a Bag

SUPPLIES: backpack or duffle bag; assorted items that would be packed for a trip such as clothes, toothbrush, shoes, stuffed animal, blanket (5–6 items total)

Set out the bag and the items to be packed. Invite the kids to pack the bag with you. **Let's pretend we're going on a trip! Can you help pack the bag? Where do you want to go on your pretend trip?** Allow the kids to respond. **In God's big story today we're going to read about how someone named Mary got some amazing news and then went on a trip.** Ask the kids to name the items as they place them in the bag. Unpack the bag when finished and let more kids take a turn. **We'll learn how God sent the promised King, Jesus.**

Our Wonder Truth today is JESUS IS THE PROMISED KING.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

JESUS IS—Point up.

THE PROMISED—Bring hands together like a book.

KING—Bring hands together in a circle on top of your head, like a crown.

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Waiting for the King Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today in God's big story we'll learn that God always keeps His promises. The biggest and best promise God made was to send Jesus to be King.

Play songs from the [Waiting for the King Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: God's Big Story Sheets, [God's Big Story Video](#)

Before the kids arrive, print a copy of the God's Big Story Sheets.

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person named Mary. Encourage the kids to say, "Mary." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to Mary!**

Show the kids the God’s Big Story Video or read the story from the Bible or use the Script provided.

For a long time, God’s people waited for a king who would be in charge forever. God promised to send this king to save His people, so the people waited. And waited. And waited. It was a long time to wait. Hold up #1 sheet: Clock. **Can you say, “We’re waiting”?** Lead kids in repeating the words.

But even while they waited God was always preparing the way for Jesus. One day an angel came to visit a girl named Mary. Hold up #2 sheet: Mary. Can you say, “Hi, Mary!”? Lead kids in repeating the words. The angel told Mary not to be afraid because God was going to do something amazing. The angel said Mary was going to have a baby named Jesus, and He was the King everyone was waiting for. Hold up #3 sheet: Baby. Now you say, “The King is coming!” Lead kids in repeating the words.

Then Mary traveled to share the good news with her cousin Elizabeth, and she sang a song to thank God. Hold up #4 sheet: Music Notes. Now you say, “Thank you, God!” Lead kids in repeating the words. Try using a singsong voice to highlight that Mary sang. **Mary praised God for keeping His promises. After all, God had just kept the biggest promise of all. The King was coming! Jesus is the promised King!**



Prayer and Blessing

Let’s talk to God.

God, we have so much to celebrate today. Thank You for keeping Your promises and thank You that Jesus is our King. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: May Jesus be your King forever. May you know His love and peace. May you trust that God always keeps His promises.

Activity: Jump for Joy and Jesus

After the angel greeted Mary with the good news, Mary went to see her cousin Elizabeth. When Mary arrived, Elizabeth’s baby jumped for joy. Probably because the promised King was visiting! Let’s play a game where we show joy because Jesus is the promised King.

Have the kids sit down. Explain that the kids should show joy when they hear: Jesus or joy. They should not jump up if they hear another “J” word, such as: juice, jungle, Jack, jellybean, joke, etc. They can clap, jump, or cheer (by saying, “Yay!”).

Make It Inclusive!

For kids who can’t jump, have them wave their arms in the air instead.