

Lesson 106: An Angel Appears to Joseph

[Isaiah 7:13-14; Matthew 1:18-25](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/623e3Ym7qwg>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/gOOf3nbBuko>

Worship Theme: God's plans are perfect.

Memory Verse: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
(Jeremiah 29:11)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Jingle Bell <https://youtu.be/ZoeNhck7ROo>
2. We Celebrate Christmas <https://youtu.be/byWKhgcbMk8>
3. God sent his son <https://youtu.be/eDsWfEtrnS0>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Follow the Sound"

Materials Needed: Masks (or khroma), obstacles (chairs, books, rocks, etc.)



1. Place obstacles in the middle of the room.
2. Divide the children into 2 groups.
3. Select a child from each group and use the masks to blindfold them.
4. Teacher will give instructions to the children to go over or around the obstacles so that they can

get to the other side of the classroom.

5. It is important to listen to the instructions of the teacher to complete this game.
6. After the game, explain to the children that we need to follow the instructions of God because God is always talking to us to share his perfect plans for us.

Introduction:

What plans do you have for next week? Do you have plans to go to school? Or do you have plans to play with friends? We all have plans for tomorrow and for our future. God has great plans, too. Because God is perfect, his plans are perfect. God had a perfect plan to send Jesus to us. His plans didn't seem perfect to some people, but they were perfect. Let's see why some people thought his plans were strange.

Bible Story:

God is bigger than everything! In sending Jesus, it was really amazing for great, big God to be born as a little, tiny baby. That is part of the plan that seemed strange to some people. But God's plan was perfect. God wants us to be able to understand him and love him, and God knows he's so big that it can be hard for us to do that. So part of God's plan was to be born as a baby so we can understand him better. It seems strange, but it's the perfect way for us to understand God.

There was another thing that seemed strange to some people. Have you heard Jesus called Lord of lords and King of kings? This means that he's the king of everything and everywhere. A king would live in a big, wonderful palace in a big, wonderful city with wonderful clothes and a beautiful crown. But Jesus didn't have any of these things. He wasn't born in a big city or in a big palace. He didn't have a crown, and he didn't have nice clothes. He was born in a tiny, little town, in a barn-like place. That's a very strange way for this wonderful king to be born. But that's how God wanted it to be.

If Jesus was born in a palace, then he would be hard to get to see or to talk to, but part of God's plan was that we could talk to him all the time. Because Jesus was born the

way God wanted, we can approach Jesus and talk to him without feeling like he's too far from us. Isn't God smart to plan everything so perfectly?

When it came time for God's perfect plan to send Jesus, he sent an angel to a man named Joseph. Joseph was going to be married soon to a woman named Mary. But an angel came and told Joseph that Mary is going to have a baby. This was bad news because it was not Joseph's baby. The angel also told him that the baby will be the Savior and that he should name the baby Jesus.

Joseph was very surprised by God's plan, but he loved God and he trusted God. Joseph decided he would obey God and trust that God's plan was perfect, even though he didn't understand it.

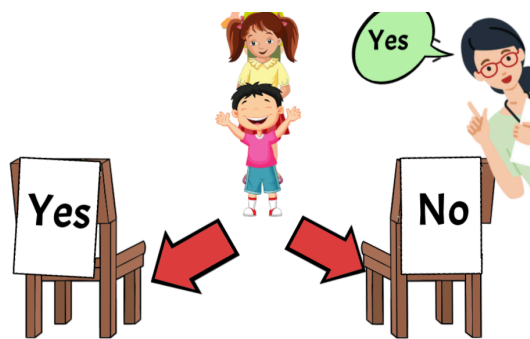
God wanted Joseph to know about his perfect plan to send Jesus so he sent an angel to Joseph. And God wants us all to know about Jesus. He also wants us to trust him and trust in his perfect plans for us even when we don't fully understand! Remember, God's plans for us are always perfect!

Questions to discuss:

1. What was strange about God's plan in sending Jesus? (Jesus was sent as a baby and did not live in a palace as the King of kings)
2. Why did God plan to do this? (So that we can easily approach Jesus and get to know God better)
3. What was hard for Joseph to accept in obeying God to marry Mary? (She was having a baby that was not Joseph's baby)
4. Why did Joseph obey God and marry Mary? (Because he knew that God's plans were perfect)

Game: "Yes and No"

Materials Needed: Chairs (2), Paper (one with "Yes" and one with "No" on it)



1. Ask the children to stand in one line.
2. Place two chairs in the front and place "Yes" on one chair and "No" on the other chair.
3. If the teacher says "No," then all the children need to jump to the side of the chair that says "No." If the teacher says "Yes," then all the children need to jump to the side of the chair that says "Yes." Teacher can trick the children by repeating the same side (Yes or No) or by

speeding up the game.

4. When the children jump to the wrong side, they will be taken out of the game.
5. Play this game until there is one winner.
6. After the game, explain to the children that listening and following instructions are very important. We have to listen and follow the instruction of God to get what God promises us.

Memory Verse:

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Craft:

Materials Needed: White Paper, scissors, glue, pen

1. Have children draw their hands on white paper as well as a triangle and then cut them out.
2. Let the children draw a face for angel and cut it out.
3. Glue the two hands behind the triangle and then the face of the angel.
4. On the angel's body, let the children write "God's plans are perfect."



Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Jesus encouraged his followers to trust God because he knew God would take care of them—just as he took care of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. God's purposes for us are beautiful. Maybe something in his plans doesn't make sense to you right now. Ask for help, and God will show you in time just how perfect his plans are for you. Don't be afraid; he will never let you down. You can always count on God.