

THE GOSPEL PROJECT JR. ADVENT 1.1 Anticipating the coming King Date: Sunday November 30, 2025 Teachers: Isaiah D(lead), Denzil H

Bible Passage: Isaiah 11:1-10 Key Passage: Matt.1:23

Props: at centre: activity sheets (2)

Review Rules:

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)
Speak Kind words like our God three in ONE!

*Christina Schipper will lead practise of RISE AND SING for Christmas pageant INTRO BIBLE STORY (JR/ SR combined):

Write out a large December calendar on the whiteboard and cross off the days that have already happened and count the days with the class until Christmas. Are you excited? Who has a Christmas tree (kids will want to tell you all about it, but just ask for hands,) We can't wait for Christmas, it is less than 4 weeks away, but we feel like that is long. In Today's story a man named Isaiah told about the first Christmas when Jesus would come to rescue the world 700 years before He came. That IS A LONG TIME!

THE BIBLE STORY (VIDEO) DISCUSSION VIDEO

Ask the kids what it would feel like to be trapped or in danger. Could the kids in the video save themselves? When we are in desperate situations, it's so easy to panic and let fear control us. When we hear that help is on the way, we are relieved. Our whole world was in big trouble. Sin had broken every single part of it. When Jesus came, He died on the cross to pay for our sin and bring us back to God. But Jesus' restoration of the world isn't done yet. One day Jesus will return to judge the world and fix the things that are still broken! We can feel relieved knowing that Jesus has come and is coming again. We can trust in Jesus to free us from the power and penalty of sin now. We can know that someday we will even be free from the presence of sin too!

GOSPEL GEMS

God promised to send a rescuer to save His world, that Rescuer was? (Jesus) Nothing is impossible with (God.)

SING A SONG: Sing to the tune of "London Bridges"

"God sent Jesus down to earth, down to earth!

God sent Jesus down to earth; Jesus is God's Son!"

God's people trusted Him to keep His promise. Jesus came to earth because He loves us. Jesus is God's Son.

KEY PASSAGE: Matthew 1:23 You will call Him Immanuel" (which means, "God with us").

God's goal from the beginning has been to BE with us, and in Jesus this is exactly what God did. Jesus was also called Immanuel which means GOD WITH US!

ACTIVITY: "What is wrong here?" materials: (pic with wild and tame animals playing together)
In Today's story we learned about a man named Isaiah who told about the first Christmas when Jesus would come to rescue the world 700 years before He came. That IS A LONG TIME!

Can you look at this picture and point to what is very weird about these pictures (aggressive animals with tame animals) In today's Bible story, the prophet Isaiah wrote about something that will happen in the future. He said the wolf will live with the lamb. The leopard will lie next to the goat. Calves and lions will eat together, and a child will lead them. Lions will eat straw like oxen, and young children will play near snakes. But none of these animals will hurt or kill anything or anyone. God's plan was to restore His good world and make right what is wrong.

ACTIVITY: "Timeline of Jesus" materials: (activity sheet of timeline, and pics of people)

Do you have grammas and grandpas? Aunts and Uncles? Yes! And they have mommies and daddies and grammies and grandpas, do you know Jesus has a family too? (show the pic Jesus' lineage) Can you help me count the people in the pictures?

Long before God sent Jesus to earth to be born as a baby, God had promised King David that one of David's family members would be King forever. A long, long time ago a man named Isaiah said Jesus would come and bring God's rescue, that the special King would bring peace on earth. Isaiah said, "Children will play with wild animals. No one will hurt one another because everyone will love God. Nations will follow the special King."

ACTIVITY: "What do you call your gramma?"

Do you have a gramma or grandpa? Do you call them something else Nana/Papa...? Ask the kids that can to share their names, Jesus had earthly grandparents too....and great great great...King David was part of Jesus' family, and now we can be a part of Jesus' family! When we trust in Jesus who gave his life for us!

ACTIVITY: "Animal Parade" materials: (none)

Form a line. Invite preschoolers to play out being animals walking in a parade.

In today's Bible story, Isaiah wrote about something that will happen in the future. He said the wolf will live with the lamb. The leopard will lie next to the goat. Calves and lions will eat together, and a child will lead them. Isaiah was talking about the peace on earth that Jesus brings.

PRAYER: Father thank you for your promise of a kingdom that will be perfect and Jesus will be our King!

FREE PLAY/COLOURING SHEET/SNACK