



Learning about Jesus

PRIMARY GOD'S EXPLORERS



Note to the Teacher

This book has been prepared for a second-grade child. The book is perforated so you can tear out each sheet, complete it in class, and/or send it home with the child. Each page includes directions for completing the learning activities on that page.

The parent letter is on page 3, and page 4 contains an overview of this quarter's lessons along with a list of all the memory verses. Send this page home with the child on the first Sunday of the quarter, or deliver it personally before the quarter begins. The memory verse recognition chart is included with the attendance chart. Each child will receive a Bible sticker to add to the chart when he says the verse. He will receive the sticker the week after you teach the verse in class; e.g., on December 14 give him the sticker for reciting Isaiah 7:14.

Using the Handwork Sheets

The **Exploration Review** section of each lesson is an opportunity to review the previous week's lesson. The activities on the back of each week's handwork sheet are designed for this review. Let the children do as much as possible from the time they arrive until about five minutes into the class time. Make sure the children's names are on their papers before you collect them. Point out to the children that the logo says God's Explorer. When the child writes his name on the line, he is confirming that title for himself.

You will use the handwork sheets again at the end of the lesson in the **Explore Some More** section. Students will work on the activities on the front side of each sheet at this time. Let children do as much as time permits, but if they cannot complete the page in class, allow them to take the sheet home and finish it. Offer an incentive for them to bring it back next week.



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Dear Parents:

Use the Christmas season to teach your child about the true meaning of Christmas. This quarter we will focus on the fulfillment of prophecy concerning the coming of Christ. Your child will come to understand that Jesus is the Savior Who was promised in the Old Testament.

As your child continues to learn about the life of Jesus on earth, he will see that time and again Jesus was confirmed as the Son of God by people who knew Him, by His own statements, and by the audible voice of God the Father.

Our Primary Department is structured for first and second graders and our curriculum is called **God's Explorers**. In addition to hearing the Bible lesson each week, your child will participate in many fun, interactive learning activities. Encourage your child to tell you what he has learned each Sunday.

Discuss your child's worksheet with him when he brings it home each week. Encourage him to complete any unfinished work and take the worksheet back the next week. Also set aside time each week to help your child memorize the verses listed on the back of this letter. He will begin to learn the verse in class, but he needs to review it during the week. He will receive a verse sticker to place on his recognition chart when he says the verse the following week.

Your child will also bring home the *God's Explorers* take-home paper each week. Each paper contains an application story, a review of the Bible story, and fun things to do that are related to the Bible lesson. There is a section called "Parent Pointers for Primaries" that will help you reinforce the Bible-based themes each week.

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child during the coming quarter.

Sincerely,

(teacher)



Quarter Themes

Weeks 1–4

God Provides Jesus

This unit identifies the Old Testament prophecies concerning the promise of a Savior. Lessons 1 through 3 focus on the fulfillment of God's promise—the birth of Jesus. From the angel's first announcement to Mary through the message to the shepherds, your child will realize that the Christmas story is true and factual, not fantasy. In lesson 3 your child will learn about Simeon and Anna who, upon seeing baby Jesus, confirmed that He is the Savior sent from God. In lesson 4 your child will learn that God Himself audibly announced that Jesus is His Son.

Weeks 5–9

Jesus Cares for People

In this unit your child will learn who Jesus chose as His faithful followers as He began His ministry. The miracles of lessons 6 through 9 are exciting accounts. Your child will learn of Jesus' compassion in caring for people with needs and that the works He did confirmed He is the Son of God.

Weeks 10–13

Jesus Offers Salvation

Lesson 10 teaches that Jesus openly declared a sick man's sin forgiven before He healed him. When the rulers of the synagogue realized Jesus was declaring Himself to be God, their interest in Him changed to anger. Lessons 11 and 12 have difficult concepts for your child to understand, but the focus once again is that Jesus is the Son of God and He alone is the Savior. Lesson 12 presents the plan of salvation with the terminology "born again." If your child has not accepted Christ as Savior, he may ask questions about it. Be accurate with your answers and always show him from the Bible what he wants to know. The quarter ends with the Crucifixion, which again is a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy.



Bible Verses

- December 7** "The Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall . . . bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).
- December 14** "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).
- December 21** "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).
- December 28** "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son" (1 John 4:10).
- January 4** "If any man serve me, let him follow me" (John 12:26).
- January 11** "All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23).
- January 18** "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).
- January 25** "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!" (Matthew 8:27).
- February 1** "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).
- February 8** "The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins" (Mark 2:10).
- February 15** "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).
- February 22** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).
- March 1** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).



(child's name) _____

God's Promise Comes True

(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38; 2 Peter 1:20, 21)

“The Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall . . . bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel”

(Isaiah 7:14).

Draw a picture of what the prophet Isaiah was writing about. Color the picture.



Choose a word to fill in each blank.

Immanuel

700

believed

Gabriel

Isaiah prophesied _____ years before Christ.

_____ means “God with us.”

The angel _____ brought God’s message to Mary.

Mary _____ the angel and obeyed.

God always keeps His promises. Finish the sentence and tell what God has promised to do for you.

God has promised to _____.



Daniel Prays without Fear

(Daniel 6)

**“And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee:
for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee”**

(Psalm 9:10).



Write the first letter
of the person or people
next to what they did.

Daniel

King Darius

Wicked rulers

_____ were jealous.

_____ prayed to God three times a day.

_____ trusted Daniel.

_____ made a law that everyone should worship him.

_____ watched to see whether Daniel would obey.

_____ was always honest.

_____ couldn't change the law.

_____ still prayed to God.

_____ told the king that Daniel had disobeyed him.

_____ was put into the lions' den.

_____ was worried about Daniel's safety.

_____ learned that Daniel's God could protect him.