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TEACHER LEAFLETS

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Theme Lesson—Happy Birthday, Jesus!

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SHARE

Use the individual attendance chart pattern on the Pattern Page to make one attendance chart on white paper or cardstock for each student. Students will need to color the picture on the first Sunday of the quarter and add a sticker each week. Display the Roman Road to Salvation Visual and introduce it.

Choose one or more:

- This lesson tells the account of a heavenly messenger sent to Zacharias to share a message from God. Create a message center to be available for the next several lessons. Additional items will be added each week to keep the center new and exciting. For Lesson 1, children will use a homemade phone using two empty tin cans and string to send and receive messages. Punch a hole in the center of the bottom of each can with an ice pick. Cut a string about 6' to 8' long. Insert the string through the hole on the bottom of each can. Tie the string to a toothpick to keep the string from coming out. Let each child have a turn while you send each of them a positive message such as God loves him through the tin can phone. In order for the sound waves to travel down the string, the string must be kept taut. Consider making several of these and let the children explore together. Save the tin can phone for use in future lessons in a message center.
- Sing the "B-I-B-L-E." Explain that the Bible is God's way of talking to us today.



PRAY

- Provide each child with an opportunity to pray. Model a simple prayer and encourage reluctant students to echo your words.
- Prayer was an important part of today's lesson. As Zacharias was burning incense in the Temple, all the people were praying outside the Temple. God answered Zacharias' prayer for a son.

APPLY

Choose one or more:

- Create a new puppet friend, Polly, by cutting out and attaching the Polly the Puppet to a paper lunch bag. You might consider purchasing or hand making a simple sock puppet. Polly is a friend to Pete from the previous quarter. Polly is upset because her sister is sick and the doctors do not know what is wrong or how to make her better. Even when the doctors do not know what to do, God can heal if it is His will. God is all powerful, and He cannot fail. When you are done with Polly, save her for use in other lessons.
- Sing, "God Can Do Anything but Fail."
- Have students look at the pictures on page 4 of the student leaflet. Discuss each picture and how God can help in each situation.

TELL

Choose one or more:

- Hand out the Tell Cards each week at the end of class. Encourage everyone to tell someone the lessons he learned in class. Model each week for the students what they can say or do to tell others about Jesus. Read the Tell Card aloud. Review the memory verse on the Tell Card at this time. Have each child share a specific name of a family member or friend that they can tell about the concepts learned. Write the name on each student's card.
- This week students will tell others that God can do anything but fail. Discuss a list of the things that God can do. God can heal the sick. God created the heavens and the earth. God can make it rain. God is everywhere. God knows everything. God can calm the sea. What can God not do? God cannot fail. Practice with the students.

BONUS ACTIVITIES

- Let the students use the Lesson 1 Learn Visual to retell the Bible account.
- Zacharias was dumb and could not speak because of his unbelief. When people cannot talk, they use sign language. Teach the students sign language for the phrase God is love.
- Sing "My God Is So Big" or "What a Mighty God We Serve."



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Lesson 1
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BELIEVE GOD

Scripture Text: Luke 1:5-25

Application: I need to believe that God can do anything!

Memory Verse: "Thou believest not my words." Luke 1:20

MATERIALS LIST

- Basic classroom supplies
- SPLAT Preschool Visuals:
  - Pattern Page
  - Lesson 1 Learn Visual
  - Polly the Puppet
  - Roman Road to Salvation Visual
- SPLAT Preschool Student Leaflet and sticker page
- SPLAT Tell Card
- Message Center—phone—2 14 oz. tin cans, ice pick, kite string, toothpicks, hammer
- Altar of Incense prop—cardboard box, gold spray paint
- Role-play costumes—white, red, blue and purple fabric
- Spices

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Teacher Devotional

Jeremiah 32:27, "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" As you study this lesson and begin to learn the miraculous details surrounding the births of John the Baptist and Jesus, I pray you will be reminded of the amazing power of God. What a comfort it is to know that you serve a God who cannot fail. Zacharias and Elisabeth were witnesses of God's miraculous power in their lives. Each of us faces different challenges in his life, but everyone can trust in God's unfailing power. There is nothing God cannot do.

Background Commentary

In this lesson, the birth of John the Baptist was announced to his parents. Zacharias was a priest in Judea during the days of Herod the Great who ruled from 40 to 4 BC. Zacharias' wife, Elisabeth, was also of priestly lineage. They were both described by Luke as being blameless before God. This does not mean they were perfect, but it does mean they were godly people who were serving God faithfully in their lives. Zacharias had drawn the lot to burn incense in the Temple. This was an important time in Zacharias' life as a priest. The duty to burn incense happened only once in a priest's lifetime and then only if chosen. While administering this priestly duty, Gabriel, an angel of the Lord appeared, delivering the message to Zacharias that his prayer was heard and his wife, Elisabeth, would have a son, John, who would prepare the way for the Lord. Zacharias was doubtful because he and Elisabeth were old and past the age of conceiving children. When Zacharias returned home, Elisabeth conceived and hid herself away for five months. Because of his unbelief, Zacharias was unable to speak until the baby was born.

LEARN

Read Luke 1:5-25 from your Bible or the narrative on page 1 of the student leaflet to share today's lesson.

Choose one or more:

- Use Lesson 1 Learn Visual to teach the account of Gabriel's visit to Zacharias in the Temple. Cut and fold the altar securing with tape or glue. Add stands to the lesson figures. Save these figures for use in Lesson 3 after today's lesson.

- Role-play the Bible account. Repeat the activity multiple times allowing different children to play the different roles of Zacharias, Gabriel and Elisabeth. Extra students can be the multitude of people praying outside while Zacharias burns incense on the altar. Preparing props and costumes will enhance this activity for preschoolers. An altar can be made from a cardboard box spray painted gold. The altar of incense was 36" high and 18" square, which will be too tall for preschoolers. Consider making the altar 24" high and 12" square. The altar had four horns, one on each corner and a crown around the top. Two sides had two golden rings attached below the crown with a stave (rod) of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Spray paint PVC pipe and the wooden rings gold for the staves. Once prepared, this teaching prop will be useful for many Bible lessons. Provide a mixture of spices such as cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice for incense. Zacharias was not the high priest, but even the sons of Aaron wore a very specific garment when administering their duties (Exodus 39:29). For the priest's garment, use a small rectangle of white fabric with a slit in the middle large enough to slip over a preschoolers head. Add a belt with the colors red, blue and purple. No sewing necessary. The priest also wore a white turban. Use a second rectangle of white fabric with a white or gold belt for Gabriel's costume. Do not use wings or a halo as part of the costume for the angel of the Lord. The message Gabriel gave to Zacharias and what happened because of Zacharias' unbelief should be the focus of this lesson.

- Have students work page 2 of the student leaflet while you share the lesson. Be sure to read the memory verse. Make sure the students understand Gabriel is speaking to Zacharias. Color the picture of Zacharias as he offers incense on the altar and add the sticker of Gabriel. Discuss how Zacharias felt when the angel of the Lord appeared. Review the message Gabriel brought to Zacharias and his reaction.

- After sharing today's lesson, have students work page 3 of the student leaflets. Zacharias should have believed God's messenger, Gabriel. We should believe the message God gave us in the Bible. This page teaches how God's message was delivered to Zacharias and how God gives His message to us today. Connect the correct people to how God gave His message.



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Lesson 2
12 - 13 - 2026

BE A WILLING SERVANT

Scripture Text: Luke 1:26-38

Application: God can use me to do great things.

Memory Verse: "With God nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37

MATERIALS LIST

- Basic classroom supplies
- SPLAT Preschool Visuals:
  - Lesson 2 Learn Visual
  - Roman Road to Salvation Visual
- SPLAT Preschool Student
  - Leaflet and sticker page
- SPLAT Tell Card
- Message center items from Lesson 1
- Manual or electric typewriter
- Pictures of angels

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Teacher Devotional

I encourage you to meditate on Luke 1:46-55. This is Mary's response to God's message to her. God had chosen Mary to be the mother of the Messiah. She was humbled and she rejoiced. It is interesting to compare Mary's reaction to the message delivered by Gabriel to Zacharias' response. Mary was humbled and honored to be chosen to serve God as the mother of Jesus. When you are asked to serve, what is your response? May you search your heart and be the willing servant God would have you to be.

Background Commentary

During the sixth month of Elisabeth's pregnancy, God sent His messenger Gabriel to Mary to reveal to Mary that she had been chosen by God to be the mother of His Son. Every Jewish young lady knew that someday God would select a young virgin to be the mother of the Messiah. Surely, Mary had been taught this. When Gabriel, an angel of the Lord, appeared to Mary her immediate reaction was one of humility. She was also troubled; however, as Gabriel revealed God's message that she was a willing servant (Luke 1:38). Preschoolers will not be able to understand the concept that Mary was a virgin or that she conceived by the Holy Spirit, but we can teach them that she was going to be the mother of Jesus through the power of God. They may not completely understand, but we are sowing seeds of knowledge for later spiritual growth. Luke 1:37 is an important part of this message. Gabriel explained to Mary that her relative Elisabeth in her old age was also having a child. Both of these miraculous births were impossible without God.