



Advent - Joseph Obeying (Matthew 1:18-24) - December 5/6, 2020

STUDY NOTES || SPEAKING PASTOR KENT LILES

Obedience before the Advent

- Matthew 1:18-19

The Advent

- Matthew 1:20-23

Obedience after the Advent

- Matthew 1:24-25

NURSERY

JESUS CAME AS A BABY

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Why do you suppose that God announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds first? It is likely because these common folk would be more likely to receive him more wholeheartedly than anyone else. Perhaps they were the ones that needed Jesus the most. Like the shepherds needed Jesus, so does your toddler. They too, can rejoice with the angels that God sent his Son, Jesus into the world to live as an example for us and to die for our sins.

Memory Verse: Jesus was born. (adapted from Luke 2:6)

Heart of the Lesson: The Animals Gave Jesus a bed

Parent Engagement Question: Look at your family nativity set. Discuss with your toddlers the different animals in the set. What sounds do the animals make? Remind them that the animals gave baby Jesus a bed in their manger.

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ADVENTURE



The birth of Jesus is a real life ADVENTure of two regular people that believed and obeyed God and through them we received the most amazing gift possible - Jesus! God calls us to go on an ADVENTure with Him too.

Memory Verse: The Savior – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!” NLT Luke 2:11

Heart of the Lesson: The Angel Brought Good News - Luke 1

Parent Engagement Question: Play a Game of “Telephone” as a family. Then share why is Jesus being born Good News?

ELEMENTARY

ADVENTURE



On this Christmas Advent-ure Kids will learn that the best way to celebrate is to seek God's LIGHT & shine God's LIGHT by believing, obeying, being filled with the Spirit, & telling people about Jesus!

Memory Verse: Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.” John 8:12

Heart of the Lesson: Obeying God Shines His Light - Joseph Obeyed - Matthew 1

Parent Engagement Question: Talk about how Joseph obeyed even though it is hard. Why is it hard for us to obey? How do we shine God’s light when we obey?

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

ADVENTURE



This advent, we are looking at different people whose lives were changed because Jesus came, including us!

Memory Verse: Matthew 1:21 "She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

Heart of the Lesson: Joseph Obeyed (Matthew 1)

Parent Engagement Question: What is your favorite part about Christmas? Joseph immediately obeyed God! What should you do when God asks you to do something? Who will you share our memory verse with? Should you obey God’s plans for your life or only do what you want?



In Grace 56, we are continuing the ADVENTure by going through the events surrounding the birth of Jesus, and seeing the way He changes everything! Through the highs and lows, in all the adventures we face, He is always there. He is God with us and that is reason to celebrate!

Memory Verse: So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son." John 1:14

Heart of the Lesson: Joseph's perspective - Matthew 1

Parent Engagement Question: Play a game as a family where one person is being directed blindfolded to another side of a room. How did it feel to trust in someone's directions when you couldn't see your way?