

Expecting Christmas

Bible Study Lesson Overview

Lesson 1 - Expecting Immanuel

Lesson Theme: God intentionally planned to send His Son to be Immanuel--God with us.

Biblical Passage: Isaiah 7:14-16, Matthew 1:21b-23

Learning Goals:

- Learners will examine God's intentional plan for sending His Son to be with us.
- Learners will describe the depth of God's love for us shown in the preparation for the birth of His Son.

Lesson 2 - Expecting the Christ-Child

Lesson Theme: God chose for His Son to be born as a human so He would grow up to minister to the people on earth.

Biblical Passage: Isaiah 9:1-6, Matthew 1:18-21a

Learning Goals:

- Learners will examine the coming of the promised Messiah as a human baby.
- Learners will describe what the humanity of Christ means to them.

Lesson 3 - Expecting Gifts

Lesson Theme: Jesus, the suffering Servant, is God's gift to us.

Biblical Passage: Isaiah 53:1-9; Matthew 2:11

Learning Goals:

- Learners will examine Jesus' purpose in being born as the Servant of mankind.
- Learners will reflect on how what God's gift of the Servant Messiah means to them.

Lesson 4 - Expecting Joy

Lesson Theme: God promised that His Son, Jesus, would bring the joy of salvation of all mankind.

Biblical Passage: Isaiah 43:8-13; Matthew 1:21

Learning Goals:

- Learners will evaluate how, as God's Savior, Jesus brought the joy of salvation for all people.
- Learners will confess what it means to them that Jesus brought them the joy of their salvation.