

## Rescuer - Family Lesson I

**Divine Attribute:** God is Rescuer

**Heart Response:** Worship him

**Memory Verse:** John 3:16 NIRV “God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.”

### Points of Emphasis:

1. We need to be rescued from our sin.
2. God loves us.
3. God sent his Son, Jesus, to rescue us.
4. We should worship Jesus.

### Family Worship

Choose your favorite songs from the [Spotify Playlist](#) found on the curriculum resource page. Have fun, sing loudly, and follow along with the motions!

### Memory Verse

Supplies:

[Memory verse video](#)

Optional printed memory verse poster

Open your Bible to John 3:16. Show your child that this is where we find today’s verse in the Bible. Watch the memory verse video together. If you printed the memory verse poster, display it for your child to see. Practice the verse and motions with the video. Then, practice it as a family. Consider saying it in funny voices or as you stand, hop, or do other fun motions. Maybe even try making it a song!

### Bible Lesson

*\*\*Note to - the lesson is written to be read like a story. Read the bold words aloud. The words in parenthesis give direction to pause, allow for response, or read Scripture.*

Supplies:

Bible

Lesson picture – angel with Mary (found on [GCK resource page](#))

**All through the Bible, even starting back with Adam and Eve, the first two people God created, people have sinned. Sin causes us to be separated from God. Can you tell me what sin is? (Give time for responses.) Yes, sin is anything that we do or think that is not pleasing to God. Let’s think of some examples. Can you name anything that we might do or think that would not please God? (Give time for responses.) Yes, sin is things like not obeying parents, hurting someone, thinking unkind thoughts about another person, longing for something that someone else has, and many more things.**

**Even from the beginning, God planned a way to rescue us from being separated from him. He planned to send his own Son to pay for our sins! That is wonderful news, isn’t it? Our lessons over the next few weeks are about God sending his Son, Jesus, to earth. He came to rescue us from our sinful ways and lead us back to himself. This is the story of Christmas and what Christmas is all about.**

**God chooses a Jewish girl named Mary to be the mother of Jesus. God sends the angel Gabriel to tell Mary that God has chosen her. (Show lesson picture.) When the angel Gabriel goes to see Mary, he says something like this, “Do not be afraid, Mary, because you have pleased God, and he has chosen you to be the mother of his Son, Jesus. Jesus will be great and he will be called the Son of the Highest.”**

**At first, Mary doesn’t understand. You see, Mary isn’t married. She is going to marry a man named Joseph. She wants to know how this could happen. Gabriel tells her that the Holy**

Spirit will put baby Jesus inside of her, and the baby she has will be the Son of God! Wow, that is amazing! Nothing like that had ever happened before and has not happened since.

Mary tells the angel she belongs to God, and whatever he wants her to do, she will do. After that, Mary worships God. She is very glad God has chosen her to be Jesus' mother.

## **Prayer**

Father God, we want to thank you for sending Jesus, your Son, to earth to be our rescuer. Help us to remember that this is the true meaning of Christmas. Amen.

## **Coloring Sheet**

### **Supplies**

[Coloring sheet](#) (found on Kids Resource Page)

Crayons

Have your child color the picture. While your child is coloring, consider asking them the review questions below. These questions can also be saved for conversations over dinner or while driving.

## **Review Questions**

1. **Who did God choose to be the mother of his Son, Jesus?** (Mary.)
2. **How did God tell Mary he had chosen her to be the mother of Jesus?** (God sent an angel, Gabriel, to tell her.)
3. **Was Mary happy about being Jesus' mother?** (Yes.)
4. **What did Mary do to show that she was excited to do what God asked her to do?** (She said she wanted to do what God asked her to do, and she worshiped God.)

## **Optional Additional Activities**

### **We Worship Jesus**

Play this game as a variation of "Simon Says." Say "we worship Jesus by..." and then do an action such as clapping your hands, folding your hands in prayer, raising your hands, jumping for joy, singing Jesus Loves Me, etc. Each time you say "we worship Jesus by..." your child should follow your action.

