

**Lesson #1-16***Joseph Trusts God*

Matthew 1:18-25

**Key Verse:**

“She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

The Point:

God's plans may surprise us.

Unit Theme (December 2—December 23)

Faith in God's Promises

Thanksgiving for Baptism

People of God, the time has almost come. The God of promises, the God of justice and direction and hope; the God of creation and time and all things; the God of risk taking and radical faith and miracles; that very God is sending a Messiah to save us. That very God is sending Jesus as a baby to change our world and our lives. That very God calls us to be a part of this amazing miracle through our baptism.

Today we remember our part in the story as we remember our baptism.

Invite parishioners forward to dip their finger in the font, or simply to turn and bless one another, with their permission, with the sign of the cross on each other's forehead or hand.



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Lesson #1-C1*Jesus: A Promise for All People*

Luke 2:1-20

**Key Verse:**

To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.
Luke 2:11

The Point:

The promise of Jesus is good news for all people.

Unit Theme (December 25—January 20)

God's Promise of Jesus

Litany

So often we notice what is wrong in the world, but we must also pay attention to what is right. As you think about current events, community stories, and your own life experiences, where do you see the good news of the promise of Jesus? Together, let us celebrate the good news of the promise of Jesus in a litany of praise.

Share in the good news! Where is light breaking through the darkness?

Allow worshippers to respond.

All sing the refrain of "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Share in the good news! Where are the lowly lifted up?

Allow worshippers to respond.

All sing the refrain of "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Share in the good news! Where is God's mercy lived out?

Allow worshippers to respond.

All sing the refrain of "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Share in the good news! Where have you experienced God's promises fulfilled?

Allow worshippers to respond.

All sing the refrain of "Angels We Have Heard on High."