



**HOPEWELL MB CHURCH**  
**VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**  
**OVERVIEW STUDY GUIDE**

The following information is provided for participants who wish to study the lesson beforehand. The study materials are part of the **International Sunday School Lesson**, excerpted from the **Union Gospel Press Sunday School book**.

The overview will be presented each Sunday Morning @ 9:00, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service (except for 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays). Lesson discussion material will be rotated weekly amongst the various Target Groups (Adult Women, Adult Men, Young Adult, Youth) in an effort to include all ages in this lesson series.

The Overview is merely a brief discussion of the bible lesson. In order to gain a better understanding of the lesson, it is recommended that, prior to each lesson, participants read through the **Lesson Text, Related Scriptures, Daily Bible Reading** scriptures (each day), try to answer the **Discussion Questions**, and make a note of any additional questions you may have. Prayer and meditation are always essential in gaining a better understanding of God's Word and its relevance to your life and situation.

Lessons may be viewed via facebook and youtube.

**December 2022**

**UNIT I: Blessing of A Savior**

**All lessons this month will focus on our coming Savior, Jesus Christ**

**WEEK 1-The Promise of Messiah's Forerunner:** This lesson examines the promise of John the Baptist who would announce the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ

**WEEK 2- God's Promise to David:** This lesson highlights the Prophet Nathan's prophecy of God's covenant with David

**WEEK 3- God's Promise of a Saviour:** This lesson deals with the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary telling her that she would give birth to our Savior, Jesus Christ

**WEEK 4- The Birth of the Saviour (Christmas):** This lesson highlights the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ as told by the writer Luke

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**DATE OF LESSON:** December 4, 2022

**LESSON TITLE:** The Promise of Messiah's Forerunner

**LESSON TEXT:** Luke 1:8-20

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Genesis 18:9-15; Genesis 25:20-28; Malachi 4:1-6; Matthew 11:9-15

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *"Thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; many shall rejoice at his birth"* (Luke 1:13-14)

**TARGET AGE GROUP:** This week's discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What made burning incense in the temple the pinnacle of Zachariah's priestly work?
2. How did Zacharias react to the angel's appearance?
3. What prayer did the angel say had been heard?
4. What does the name John mean?
5. How did the angel express John's greatness? How did Jesus later reaffirm this?
6. What evidence would point to the unique ministry of John in God's plan?
7. What would John's ministry entail?
8. To what Old Testament prophet did the angel liken John? Why?
9. What would result from John's ministry?
10. How did Zacharias respond to Gabriel's message?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- A Promise to Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 18:9-15)

T- God Rescues and Reassures Haggar (Genesis 21:9-21)

W- Leah Bears Four Sons (Genesis 29:31-35)

Th- In The Spirit of Elijah (Malachi 4:1-6)

F- The Messenger of the Lord (Matthew 11:9-15)

Sa- A Deliverer For Israel (Judges 13:2-24)

Su- Promise to Zacharias (Luke 1:8-20)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** December 11, 2022

**LESSON TITLE:** God's Promise to David

**LESSON TEXT:** II Samuel 7:4-16

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** I Chronicles 17:1-15; I Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 89:1-5; I Kings 8:12-26; Psalm 132:1-18

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *"He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever"* (II Samuel 7:13)

**TARGET AGE GROUP:** This week's discussion is taken from the **Young Adult Bible Class** book.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If David's desire to build the temple was pure, why did God not permit it?
2. Of what did the Lord remind David? Why were these reminders important?
3. What would Solomon do that David had wanted to do?
4. What did God promise with regard to David's descendants? Why did the Babylonian Exile not set aside God's promise?
5. To what do the terms "house", "kingdom", and "throne" refer (II Samuel 7:16)?
6. How does the Davidic covenant relate to Jesus Christ and His work?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- The Seed of David (Psalm 89:1-5)

T- David Anointed King (I Samuel 16:1-13)

W- A House for the Lord (I Kings 8:12-26)

Th- The Lord's Oath to David (Psalm 132:1-18)

F- The Seed of David Endures Forever (Psalm 89:19-37)

Sa- King Over All Israel (II Samuel 5:6-12)

Su- An Everlasting Kingdom (II Samuel 7:4-16)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** December 18, 2022

**LESSON TITLE:** God's Promise of a Saviour

**LESSON TEXT:** Luke 1:26-38

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Isaiah 7:14; Genesis 49:8-12; II Samuel 7:25-29; Hebrews 1:1-8

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *"Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS"* (Luke 1:31)

**TARGET AGE GROUP:** This week's discussion is taken from the **Youth Bible Class** book.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do we know Mary received a message directly from God?
2. What Old Testament promises were fulfilled in the birth of Christ?
3. How did Christ inherit the right to the throne of David?
4. How did God assure Mary that this birth would be favorable for her?
5. Why was it important for the Savior to be born as a man?
6. Why was it important for the Savior to also be God?
7. How did the angel explain the virgin birth to Mary?
8. Why was it a miracle for Jesus to be born sinless?
9. What was impossible about the birth of Christ, humanly speaking?
10. Why was Mary willing to be used of God in the birth of Christ?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- A Deliverer Promised (Genesis 3:14-15)

T- The King Will Descend From Judah (Genesis 49:8-12)

W- The House of David (II Samuel 7:25-29)

Th- The Righteous Branch (Jeremiah 23:5-8)

F- The Supremacy of Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-8)

Sa- He Is Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14)

Su- Jesus' Birth Foretold (Luke 1:26-38)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** December 25, 2022

**LESSON TITLE:** The Birth of the Savior (Christmas)

**LESSON TEXT:** Luke 2:1-17

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Psalm 96:1-13; Isaiah 9:6-7; Micah 5:2-4; Isaiah 60:1-4; Galatians 4:4-7

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *“Keep thee far from false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked”* (Exodus 23:7)

**TARGET AGE GROUP:** This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why was it important to Luke’s first readers that Augustus decreed the census?
2. Why did God arrange for Jesus to be born in Bethlehem?
3. What two complementary meanings could “the days were accomplished” have in Luke 2:6?
4. Why is the mention that there was no lodging place for Joseph and Mary important?
5. What was the purpose of swaddling clothes?
6. Why were the shepherds fitting witnesses of Jesus’ birth?
7. Why were the shepherds terrified by the angels?
8. What is important about the phrase “good tidings” (v. 10)?
9. What is the meaning of the title “Christ”, or “Messiah”?
10. Why did Luke write that shepherds spread the news about Jesus?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- The Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6-7)

T- A Light to the Gentiles (Isaiah 60:1-4)

W- A Ruler Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:1-6)

Th- The Fullness of Time (Galatians 4:4-7)

F- The Savior of the World (I John 4:9-15)

Sa- You Shall Name Him Jesus (Matthew 1:21-25)

Su- A Savior Is Born to Us (Luke 2:1-17)