



Day 1 - Jesus Came as God Promised

Welcome to Day 1 of VBX 2021! We are so glad you have joined us this week as we unearth the truth about Jesus. Today is RED day! Make sure to wear something red. Today we are seeking truth by learning that Jesus came as God promised. Don't forget to kick off your day by visiting our website (lawrencevillevb.org) for a morning message from one of our VBX Directors! We can't wait to see how much fun you have today, so make sure to take pictures today and post them on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #lawrencevillevb. Have an awesome day!

Theme Verse: You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart. *Jeremiah 29:13*

Point: Jesus is the Savior God promised.

Bible Story Jesus Was Born Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:18-2:6

BIBLE STUDY

- **Bible Story** Say: *"Our Bible story today is about when Jesus was born. Let's find out more!"* (Read the Story below)
- **Connect Points** Say: *"In the Old Testament, God promised to send a Savior who would be 'God with us.' In the New Testament, we read that Jesus is the Savior God promised and that Jesus is 'God with us.' God promised the Savior would be born in Bethlehem, and He was. Jesus came to save people from their sin."*
- **Activity Books** Allow kids to complete the intro activities at the beginning of their activity books. Then turn to the Day 1 pages, review the Bible story, and complete corresponding activities.
- **Review Scripture** Using the Jeremiah 29:13 poster, have the children recite the verse while pretending to be on an archaeological site: digging with a shovel, sweeping with a hand broom, or whatever they create!
- **Wrap Up** Say *"You learned today how God made the promise to send a Savior. You learned how that promise was kept when Jesus was born. Jesus is the Savior God promised."*

Bible Story

Jesus Was Born Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:18-2:6

Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God told prophets about His plan to send His Son to be our Savior. The prophet Isaiah wrote that God's Son would be Immanuel, which means "God with us." The prophet Micah wrote that God's Son would be born in Bethlehem.

Just as God promised, at exactly the right time, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. Joseph was engaged to a young woman named Mary. The angel told Joseph that Mary would have a baby. The baby would be God's Son. They were to name the baby Jesus. Jesus was coming to be the Savior. He would be "God with us."

Joseph did what the angel said. He married Mary and took care of her. They had to go to Bethlehem to be registered for taxes. While they were there, Jesus was born. Sometime later, wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem looking for the baby King. They had seen His star and came to worship Him. King Herod was disturbed by the news. He asked the Jewish chief priests and scribes where the promised Messiah would be born. "In Bethlehem," they told the king, "because that was what was written by the prophet."

God promised He would send His Son, and He did. God even gave details about where Jesus would be born, and they happened just as He said. Jesus is the Savior God promised. When God makes a promise, He keeps it!

Today's Artifact: Qumran Jar



In the late 1940s a shepherd made an exciting discovery, a cave containing what appeared to be ancient scrolls. Others soon began to explore the caves located amid the limestone cliffs along the northwestern rim of the Dead Sea. This amazing collection, known as the “Dead Sea Scrolls,” not only includes a few near-complete scrolls, but also tens of thousands of scroll fragments from every book of the Old Testament except for the book of Esther. The collection includes more than 900 different texts in various languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek).

Think About It: What are some “THIS IS REAL” moments you have had as you studied God’s Word?

GAME

We Found An Artifact!

Prep: Gather small objects that will be easy to hide but recognizable.

Play: Instruct players to close their eyes as you hide a small object. Once the object is hidden tell them to open their eyes and begin to look for the object. Whoever finds the object first can hide it during the next round. For older players, you may want to hide multiple objects for them to find at a time.

Promise Tag

Prep: Set up a play area with clear boundaries.

Play: Choose someone to be the “tagger”. Play a game of basic freeze tag where players freeze when tagged. After a few minutes of playing, select an “untagger”. Ask the “untagger” to promise to save everyone. Once playing, the “untagger” should untag frozen players by tapping them on the shoulder, allowing them back into the game.

Suggestion: Talk about how the untagger promised to save everyone from the tagger, but it was difficult for the untagger to keep that promise. Even if the untagger was able to save each person once, the tagger could just continue tagging everyone. Today we are learning about how Jesus is the savior God promised. But, unlike our untagger in the game, Jesus can save everyone.

CRAFT

Younger Kids – Slap Bracelets

Have younger children decorate their bracelets with the enclosed stickers.



Older Kids – Bead Bracelets

Use the enclosed directions to help older kids make their beaded bracelets.



Remind everyone of the theme verse from Jeremiah 9:13 and talk about how wearing their bracelet can help them remember to seek God with all of their hearts!

Music & Bible Story

Be Sure to check out Monday’s page on our website (lawrencevillevb.org) to watch the music video to learn the song and hand motions then sing and dance along to today’s songs, led by our music leaders! After that, listen to a short lesson from a special guest speaker,!

WANT TO GO DEEPER?

Snack Suggestion: Tortilla wrapped cheese sticks. Point out that this snack is rolled up similar to a scroll. Remind kids that the scrolls discovered in the Qumran Caves include text from the book of Isaiah, which told us about God’s promise to send a Savior.

For additional activities, discussion prompts, videos, and more, check out Monday’s Page on our website (lawrencevillevb.org).