

Large Group



LESSON 4: LARGE GROUP

Love

MAIN IDEA

God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to be born as a baby. Jesus is the Son of God, and is the greatest gift of love God has ever given.

BIBLE PASSAGES

- Luke 1:26-38
- Isaiah 7:14
- John 3:16
- 1 John 4:9-10

MEMORY VERSE

All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

Isaiah 7:14, NLT



Prepare your heart to teach.
Plan for the lesson.



Introduce the story of the Gospel.
(10-15 minutes)



Play large group games.
(25 minutes)

Prepare



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Plan for the lesson.

QUESTIONS

- How can you be praying for the student this week? Are there any specific students or requests you can pray for?
- Are there any changes and additions needed for the Large Group Lesson?
- Is there anything specific you need to communicate to the small group leaders?

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bible
- Printout 1, two copies
- (Optional) Name tags for characters in skit
- (Optional) Flashlight

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Introduce the story of the Gospel.
(10-15 minutes)

INTRODUCTION

Start with the “Who is Jesus” call and response.

Ask,

- **Has there been a time when you were surprised or scared?**
- **What or who surprised you?** (Leader might consider sharing a personal story.)
- **Have you seen those videos of a family member surprising someone?**

The person is surprised, but their shock quickly turns to excitement! Being surprised by a gift can be a great way to show that you love someone.

Throwing a surprise birthday party takes thoughtful planning, time, and most importantly, love for the person the party is for.

Today we are going to hear from Mary who was surprised by some incredible information.

Good readers or leaders are recommended for this skit.

SKIT (BASED ON LUKE 1:16-38)

Pick students to play the following characters. Provide name tags for each character.

Characters:

- Narrator (leader)
- Gabriel, the angel
- Mary

Printout 1 contains the script.

WRAP IT UP

- **What is the first thing the angel Gabriel said to Mary?**
- **How did Mary respond?** (She was confused and disturbed.)
- **What was the good news that Mary received from Gabriel?** (That she was going to have a baby.)
- **What was the baby’s name?** (Jesus.)
- **What was he going to be called?** (Son of the Most High, the Son of God.)
- **What was God going to give this baby?** (The throne of King David, and he will reign forever.)
- **How did Gabriel explain that Mary would have a baby?** (Through the power of the Holy Spirit.)
- **What was Mary’s response to all this news?** (She said she is the Lord’s servant.)

Say, **Mary was surprised by seeing the angel Gabriel in her house but was also confused by his message. She was hearing from one of God's angels that she was in God's favor and he was going to use her to help have a baby—not just any baby though. She was going to have Jesus, who is the Son of God.**

She responded with obedience after hearing this message. She was willing to be God's servant and be a part of his plan to send Jesus, his Son, to rule and reign as King forever.

God sent Jesus because he loves us very much!

God's plan to send Jesus was all part of God's loving plan to save us from our sin. We are going to focus more on God's love for us by sending Jesus in small groups.

Close in prayer, and dismiss into small groups.