



Jesus Fulfils Every Promise!

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Introduction:

Christmas isn't just about a baby in a manger—it's about a promise kept! Every prophecy, every whisper of hope in the Old Testament pointed to Jesus. His birth proves that God always keeps His word.

This lesson could become a delightful Christmas presentation by having children bring the story to life through drama, replacing the visuals with heartfelt performances.

Bible Lesson: Visitors from the East

Bible References: Matthew 2:1-23; Luke 2:8-40

Visuals You Will Need:

1. Prophets Isaiah and/or Micah
2. Mary visited by Gabriel
3. Joseph
4. Joseph, Mary and Jesus in the manger
5. Shepherd and the angels
6. Simeon and Anna
7. Wise Men
8. Wise Men worship and give gifts
9. Joseph, Mary and Jesus in Nazareth

Sketch: At the Fulfilment Centre

Setting: School tour of a Fulfilment Centre.
The Inventory Discrepancy Department: a table with packages tucked underneath.

Characters: Pax, a teenage boy who enjoys driving the forklift.
(Pax is Latin for peace, a good name for a character in a Christmas sketch, but also a play on the word packs.)

Kit (Short for Katherine).
A teenage girl who works in the same department as Pax and is a good friend.

Costumes: High Vis vest over a shirt, jeans, and boots.
Lanyard or name tag with names visible.
A computer screen, keyboard and scanner.
(Or clipboards with layers of paper and pens.)

Props: Sign: 'The Inventory Discrepancy Department'
Packages for shipping, wrapped in brown paper, with fake addresses and bar codes. Make them large enough for all the children to see.
1. Rectangular shape (a boxed artificial Christmas Tree)
2. Conical shape (angel)
3. Cylindrical shape (telescope)
4. Spherical shape (basketball)
5. Star-shape (Christmas star)

Script:

Pax: Hello. My name is Pax.
Welcome to the Fulfilment Centre!
This is where millions of products are carefully stacked, stored, and ready to go.
When an order is placed online, it's our mission to fulfil that order and send it on its way.
You've been promised something—and we're here to make sure that promise is fulfilled!
This is my workmate, Katherine.

Kit: Hello.
Please call me Kit.
What a time to visit.
Christmas is our busiest season!
Even the best systems can have glitches.
Pax and I are part of the Inventory Discrepancy Department.

Pax: This Fulfilment Centre is BIG.
We have to conduct physical checks to locate missing packages.

Kit: We like to think of ourselves as delivery detectives.

Pax: *(Looking proud)*
Or, package police.
(Thinking of another title and looking prouder)
Carton cops.
(In a British accent)
Bobby's looking for bundles.
(In French accent)
Gendarmes for jiffy bags.
(In an Italian accent)
Carabinieri for cardboard boxes.

Kit: It's true.
We love what we do—and this time of year, it matters more than ever!
People everywhere are eagerly waiting for their Christmas presents to arrive.
Pax, there's no time to waste...
It's nearly Christmas!

Pax: You're right!
(Excitedly)
I'll grab the forklift.
(To the kids)
It has flashing lights!

Kit: No, Pax.
You don't need the forklift.

Pax: But some of the packages could be heavy.

Kit: Actually, they're right here under this table.
I'm sorry, but I came in early and found them.
Now we need to work out where each package is going and send it on its way.

Pax. *(Dejectedly)*
Alright.
I could have come in early, too.
Driving the forklift is much more fun...I mean efficient.
(To the kids)
It has flashing lights!

Kit: Never mind, you'll get to drive it later...
(Smiles at the kids)
...when there are no visitors around.
(Kit lifts a package onto the bench)
Now, here's the first package.

Pax: *(He picks up package 1 and gives it a shake)*
Do you ever look at a package and try to guess what's inside?

Kit: *(Gently taking it off him)*
Of course!

Pax: I wonder what it could be.
(To the kids)
What do you think is inside?
(Takes answers)
I think it's a PONY!

Kit: I don't think that's likely.
Let's see....
(She scans the bar code)
It's a boxed artificial Christmas Tree!
(She writes on the package and gives it to Pax, who puts it to one side)
Here's the next package.
(She lifts package 2 onto the table)

Pax: *(Picks up package 2 and gives it a shake)*
(To the kids)
What do you think is inside?
(Takes answers)
I think it's a GIANT ICE-CREAM CONE!

Kit: I don't think that's likely.
Let's see....
(She scans the bar code)
It's an angel!
(She writes on the package and gives it to Pax, who puts it to one side)
Here's the next package.
(She lifts package 3 onto the table)

Pax: *(Picks up package 3 and gives it a shake)*
(To the kids)
What do you think is inside?
(Takes answers)
I think it's a BIKE!

Kit: I don't think that's likely.
Let's see....
(She scans the bar code)
It's a telescope!
(She writes on the package and gives it to Pax, who puts it to one side)
Here's the next package.
(She lifts package 4 onto the table)

Pax: *(Picks up package 4 and gives it a shake)*
(To the kids)
What do you think is inside?
(Takes answers)
I think it's a PAIR OF SOCKS!

Kit: I don't think that's likely.
Let's see....
(She scans the bar code)
It's a basketball!
(She writes on the package and gives it to Pax, who puts it to one side)
Here's the next package.
(She lifts package 5 onto the table)

Pax: *(Picks up package 5, looks at it and shakes his head)*
I have absolutely NO idea!

Kit: None?
Let's see....
(She scans the bar code)
It's a star!
(She writes on the package and gives it to Pax who puts it to one side)
Pax: Hey, that's funny.
We get to track this star just like the Wise Men!

Pax and Kit share the telling of the story using the visuals.

Visual 1: Long, long ago, it was promised that a Messiah would come.
"A Saviour will be born in Bethlehem" *(Micah 5:2)*
"A virgin shall conceive a child. She will give birth to a son and will call Him Immanuel (which means 'God with us')." *(Isaiah 7:14)*
"He will be from the line of David" *(Jeremiah 23:5)*

Visual 2: In the town of Nazareth, a young woman named Mary was visited by the angel Gabriel.
He brought astonishing news: she would conceive a child by the Holy Spirit and name Him Jesus.
He would be the Son of God, the promised Messiah *(Luke 1:26–38)*.

Visual 3: Joseph, her betrothed, was troubled when he learned of her pregnancy, but an angel appeared to him in a dream, assuring him that this child was from God.
Joseph obeyed and took Mary as his wife *(Matthew 1:18–25)*.

Visual 4: At that time, Caesar Augustus issued a decree that everyone must return to their ancestral towns for a census.
So Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem, the city of David.
While they were there, Mary gave birth to Jesus.
She wrapped Him in cloths and laid Him in a manger because there was no room in the inn *(Luke 2:1–7)*.

Visual 5: Out in the fields, shepherds were watching their flocks when an angel appeared, announcing the birth of the Saviour.
A host of angels joined in, praising God.
The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found the baby just as they had been told.
They spread the word with joy and amazement *(Luke 2:8–20)*.

Visual 6: Eight days later, Jesus was circumcised and named.
Then, according to Jewish law, Mary and Joseph took Him to the temple in Jerusalem.
There, Simeon—a devout man—recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah and praised God.

Anna, a prophetess, also gave thanks and spoke about the child to all who were waiting for redemption (*Luke 2:21–38*).

Visual 7: Meanwhile, wise men from the East saw a star and followed it, seeking the newborn King.
They arrived in Jerusalem and asked King Herod where to find Him.
Herod, disturbed, consulted the scriptures and learned the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.
He sent the wise men there, asking them to report back (*Matthew 2:1–8*).

Visual 8: The star led the wise men to the house where Jesus was.
They bowed in worship and presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they took another route home (*Matthew 2:9–12*).

Visual 9: Joseph was also warned in a dream: Herod planned to kill the child.
So he fled with Mary and Jesus to Egypt.
After Herod died, they returned and settled in Nazareth, fulfilling the prophecy that Jesus would be called a Nazarene (*Matthew 2:13-23*).

Kit: Hey!
Let's see if Jesus' birth fulfilled those Old Testament prophecies.
A Saviour will be born in Bethlehem.

Pax: (*Picks up the scanner and shoots it in the air for each check*)
Check!

Kit: A virgin shall conceive and bear a son.

Pax: (*Shoots scanner again*)
Check!

Kit: He will be from the line of David.

Pax: (*Shoots scanner again*)
Check!

Kit: Every detail of Jesus' birth shows God's faithfulness.
He fulfils every promise He makes. (*Proverbs 30:5-6*)

Pax: He doesn't lose track of anything or anyone!

Kit: (*To the children*)
It's been great meeting you.
Thanks for touring the Fulfilment Centre.
We've got to get these packages on their way!

Pax: *(Running off the stage)*
I'll go grab the forklift.
It will be faster.
(To the children)
It has flashing lights!

Ministry to the Children:

God is perfect and pure, and He can't live with sin. But everyone has sinned—even you and me. Only Jesus never did anything wrong. So Jesus chose to take all our sin on Himself. He died on the Cross to take the punishment we deserved. But He didn't stay dead—God made Him alive again!

Now, when you believe in Jesus and ask Him to take away your sin, He does! He makes your heart clean and brand new. You become a new creation—like starting fresh! (*2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15*) And because of Jesus, you can come close to God, and God will come close to you. (*James 4:8*)

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV)

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ.”

Forklift Game!

Pax would be excited to help the children ‘forklift’ the Memory Verse!

You Will Need:

- Bamboo forks (one per child)
- Pots (to hold the paper ‘pasta’ so it doesn’t blow away)
- Table

What to Do:

- Write out the words of the Memory Verse, cut into strips and add to the cooking pot
- Invite a child to bring their fork to ‘forklift’ a word from the cooking pot using only one hand with the fork
- When all the words of the verse have been ‘forklifted’ out of the cooking pot, the children assemble the verse and recite it.
- Return words to the cooking pot as the children learn them, until they can recite the verse without any help.

If you have a big group, divide the children into teams.

Game: Delivery Dash Obstacle Course Game

Children are speedy delivery agents racing to deliver packages through a wild and wacky obstacle course. The objective is to be the first to successfully deliver all your packages to the correct “houses” while navigating obstacles, detours, and delivery challenges.

Set Up

Course Length: 10–20 meters (adjustable for indoor/outdoor play)

Stations (Houses): 3–5 delivery zones marked with signs or colored bins

Obstacles: Use cones, pool noodles, chairs, tunnels, ropes, or cardboard boxes to create:

Zigzag paths

Crawl-under tunnels

Balance beams (planks or tape lines)

Jump-over hurdles

“Traffic jam” zones (players must wait 5 seconds or answer a question)

Materials:

Small boxes or padded envelopes labelled “Fragile,” “Express,” “Heavy,” etc.

Delivery bags or backpacks

Stopwatch or timer

Optional: walkie-talkies, hats, or vests for delivery agent flair

How to Play:

Start Line: Each player grabs their delivery bag with 3–5 packages.

Obstacle Run: Navigate the course while keeping packages safe.

Delivery Zones: Match each package to the correct “house” (color-coded or labelled).

Return Sprint: Dash back to the start line after final delivery.

First to complete all deliveries correctly and return wins!

Variations:

Team Relay: Teams of 2–4 take turns delivering one package each.

Bible Verse Bonus: Players must recite a verse or answer a Bible trivia question at each delivery zone.

Weather Challenge: Add “rain” (spray bottles) or “wind” (fans) for extra drama.

Time Trials: Each player races solo against the clock.

Craft: Christmas Cracker!

You Will Need:

- Christmas Cracker template photocopied onto thin card.
- Cardboard tube (this becomes the sturdy inside of the Christmas Cracker that holds the small gifts).
- Cracker snaps (optional, but this provides the 'snap' when the cracker is pulled apart).
- Sticky tape or glue.
- Felt pens and/or coloured pencils or crayons to colour in the Christmas Cracker, or add designs.
- Christmas Stickers (optional).
- Scissors.
- Christmas ribbon.
- Small gifts for the inside of the Christmas Cracker:
Jokes, paper hats/crowns, small toys or objects like a fancy paper clip, packaged candy canes or peppermints, foil-covered chocolates (because the candies and chocolates spill out when the Christmas Cracker is pulled open!).

What to Do:

- Colour in/decorate the Christmas Cracker.
- Decorate with Christmas stickers (optional).
- Cut out the Christmas Cracker along the bold lines.
- Fold the Christmas Cracker along the dotted lines.
- Sticky tape or glue to secure the Christmas Cracker around the cardboard tube. (Cut the tube so it's slightly shorter than the main body of the cracker, not including the ends. The cardboard tube helps the cracker hold its shape, makes it easier for the ribbon to be tied around the ends, and provides a place for the small gifts.)
- Add the Christmas Cracker snap now if you are choosing to use one. (It pokes out on either end so it can be pulled apart to 'snap'.)
- Use the ribbon to tie one end of the Christmas Cracker closed.
- Use the open end to fill the Christmas Cracker with the small gifts.
- Now tie the end with the ribbon to close it and keep the small gifts safe inside!

