

New Testament Volume 1: Life of Christ, Part 1

THE ETERNAL GOD

Jesus Came into the World

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Lesson 1

THE PROMISE OF GOD

Scripture to be studied: Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25

The aim of the lesson: To show that God keeps His promises, even seemingly impossible promises, though He may take long years to fulfill them.

What your students should know: God is everywhere, He knows everything and can do anything.

What your students should feel: Conscious that God, who knows everything, knows they have sinned.

What your students should do: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and receive Him as Saviour.

Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):

1. God has no beginning and no end (Psalm 90:2).
2. Prophets recorded the promises of God (Luke 1:70).
3. Mary, chosen to be the mother of Christ (Luke 1:26-38).
4. Christ's birth revealed to Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25).

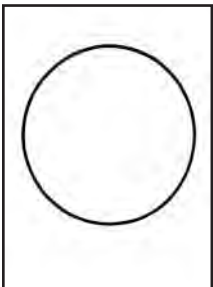
The verse to be memorized:

In this was manifested [revealed] the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9)

THE LESSON

1. GOD HAS NO BEGINNING AND NO END

Psalm 90:2



Show Illustration #1

Long, long ago there was no earth. There were no trees, no flowers, no houses, no people. There was no sky or sun or moon. There were no stars or planets. But there was God. God always was. God always will be. As the circle in our illustration has no beginning or no ending, so God has no beginning or ending. He always was. He always will be.

Where is God? He is *everywhere*. (See Psalm 139:1-17.) Only God could be everywhere at once because

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

You are going to enjoy teaching the four lessons in this book. Each one has to do with the coming of the Son of God to earth. Because the Word of God is a living Book, the truths in it can—and will—live, first to us who are teachers, and then to those whom we teach.

Try to put yourself in the place of the people in these lessons. If an angel came to you as he did to Mary and to Joseph, you would be amazed surely. Share that amazement with your students. These events really took place. When you tell something thrilling to another, you tell it enthusiastically. Tell these true events from the Word of God with that same kind of enthusiasm.

He *can do anything*—anything that is right. God would not, could not, do wrong.

This wonderful God who is everywhere and can do anything also *knows everything*, even before things happen.

Before the beginning of time, God had a plan—a plan about Heaven, a plan about earth, a plan about people, about His Son and about you! (See Proverbs 8:22-30.)

God planned that the heaven and earth would be beautiful. He planned that the first man and woman He would make and place on earth would be perfect. They would live in the Garden of Eden.

But God knew more. God knew that something terrible would happen—that Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, would disobey Him. Disobeying God is sin. Because of this, God knew that each man and woman, each boy and girl who would live after Adam and Eve would be a sinner.

God was very sad about this. He wanted all the people who would live on the earth to come to live with Him some day in His home, Heaven. Heaven is even more lovely than the earth. But God could never let His home be spoiled by sin or bad things or evil people. (See Revelation 21:27.)

God loved all people. (See John 3:16.) He loved every person who would ever live on the earth. He loved them even though He knew they would be sinners and would lie and cheat