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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

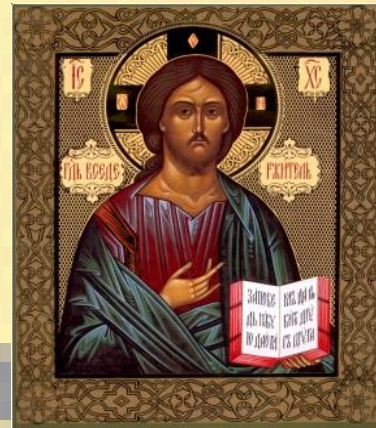
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



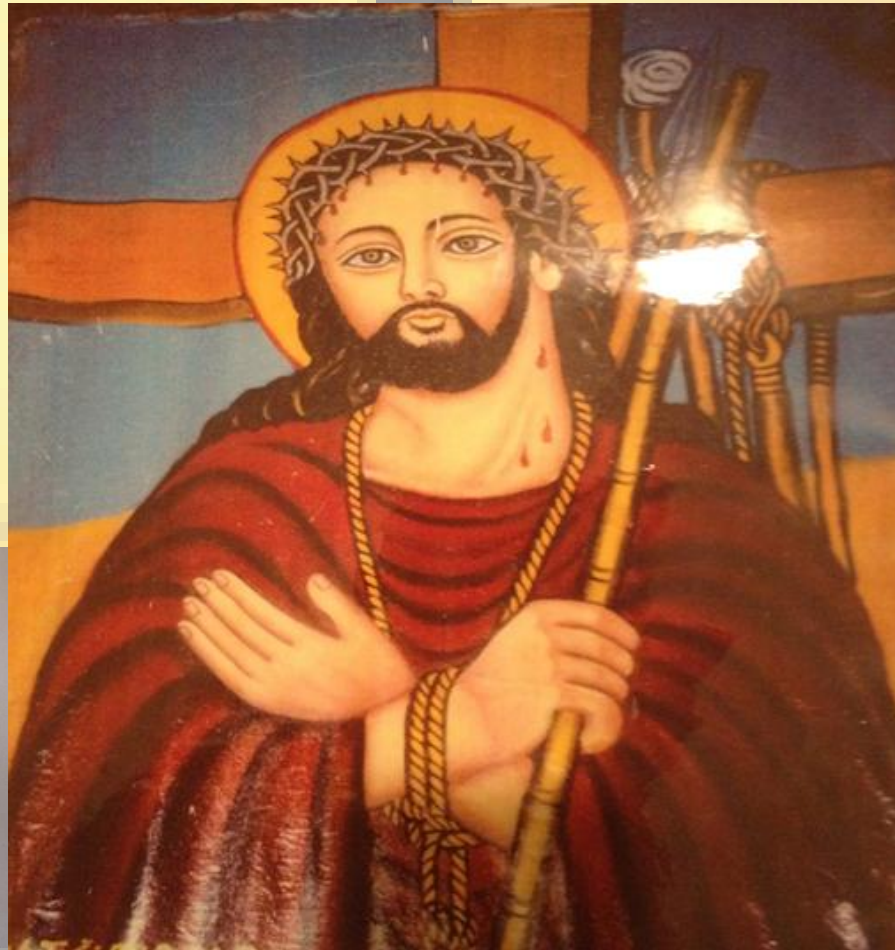
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



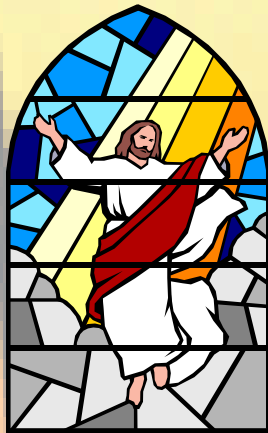
MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

Recite Last week's memory verse

“Prepare the way of the Lord”

(Luke 3:4)





Review



1. What are the names of the priest and his wife?
 - Zachariah and Elizabeth
2. What did they pray for?
 - That they can have a child
3. What did the angel say to Zachariah?
 - The lord has heard your prayers and you will have a son and name him John
4. Why did Zachariah not believe?
 - Because him and his wife were very old
5. How could Zachariah tell his wife about the good news?
 - He wrote it on a tablet



Review






**6. Who visited Zechariah with a message from God?
(the angel Gabriel)**

**7 • Why did God send John?
(to get people ready for the coming of the promised
Savior)**

**8• When Zechariah could speak again, what did he say?
(He praised the Lord.)**

Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

St. Gabriel visits St. Mary



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Memorize today's Verse

**“Blessed are you among women”
(Luke 1:28)**



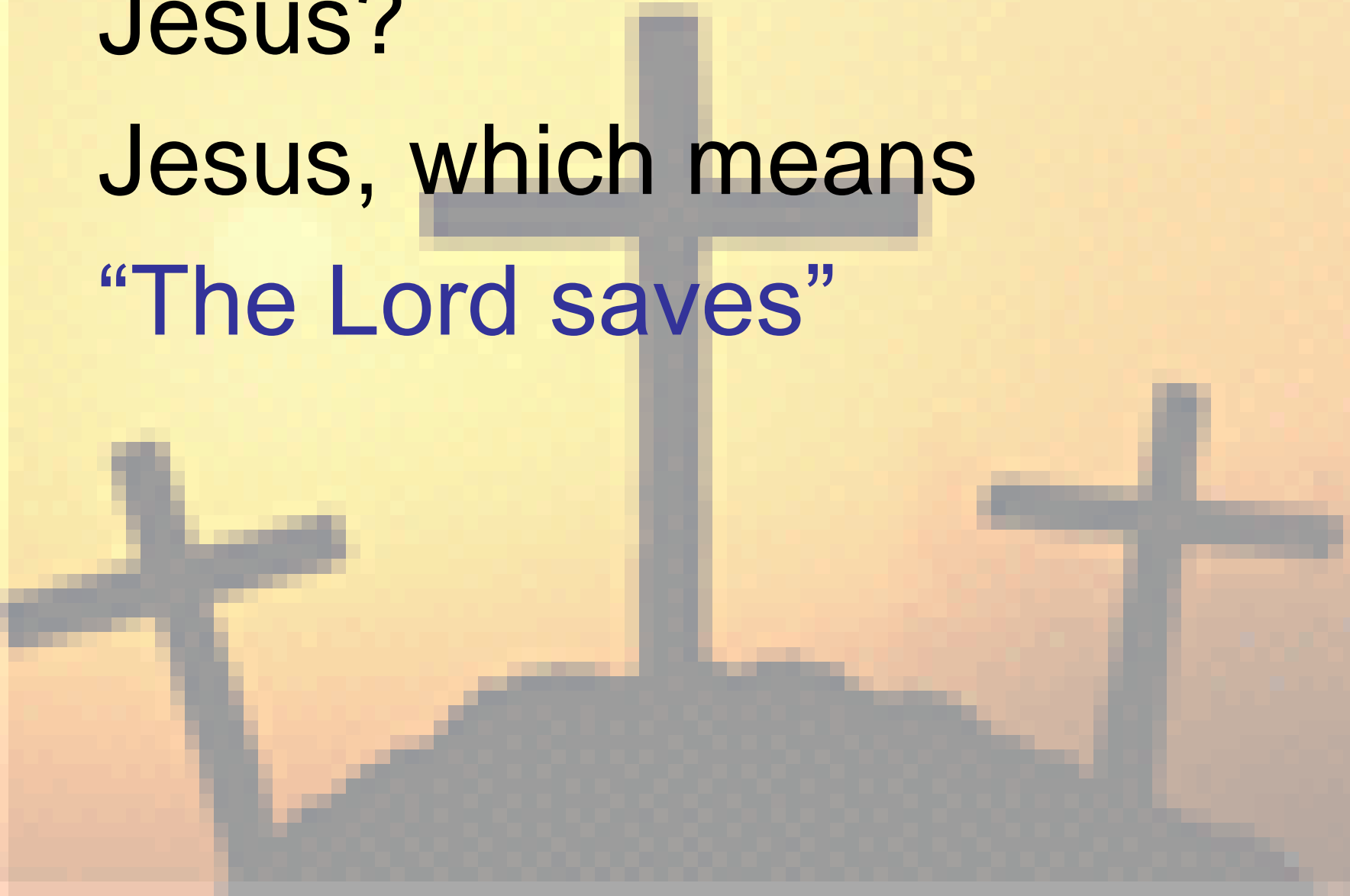
**Practice this verse
again during the
week.**



- What is the meaning of Jesus?

Jesus, which means

“The Lord saves”





In the town of Nazareth lived a young girl named Mary. She was engaged to marry a man named **Joseph**. One day, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her. He looked beautiful.



God has sent him with a message to St. Mary. St. Mary was surprised for some time, she never expected to see an angel.



The angel Gabriel then greeted her and said: “I bring good news Mary. God has a wonderful plan for you.



You are going to have a baby - a very special baby. His name will be Jesus. He will be called the Son of the Most High.



Mary said: “But I don’t understand how this is going to happen”, I am not yet married to a man? the angel calmed her and said: “Don’t worry God will take care of everything. Nothing is too hard for Him.



The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of God will work this miracle. This is why the holy Child you are going to bear will be called the Son of God.

Even Elizabeth your relative, who is an old lady, will soon have a baby and name him John. No one could believe she would have one. Her baby too is part of God's plan".

St. Mary's eyes opened wide in wonder and she said: "I shall be glad to do whatever God wants". Mary said, "I am a servant of the Lord. Let His will be done to me as you have said."



When Joseph heard that Mary was pregnant, he wanted to break the engagement. But an angel from God appeared to him while he was sleeping and said to him, “Joseph, don’t be afraid to take Mary to your home, because the child she is going to bear is the Son of God. You will call him Jesus, which means ‘God saves’. For the Lord will save His people through Him.

When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel had said and took Mary into his home.



Soon after this, Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. She went to Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby in her womb leaped for joy. Then Elizabeth exclaimed with a loud voice, "Mary, you are blessed by the Lord, and blessed is the child you will bear. Yes, you are the mother of the One who is going to save the whole people of Israel.



**Then Mary started praising God:
“My soul glorifies the Lord with joy.
His love never ends. He fulfills the
promise He gave to people and sends
their Savior.” Mary stayed with
Elizabeth for three months and then
returned home to Joseph.**

Conclusion

The Archangel Gabriel brought good news to St. Mary that she is going to have a baby and his name will be Jesus. St. Mary was obedient and listened to the Archangel and accepted right away God's plan for her.

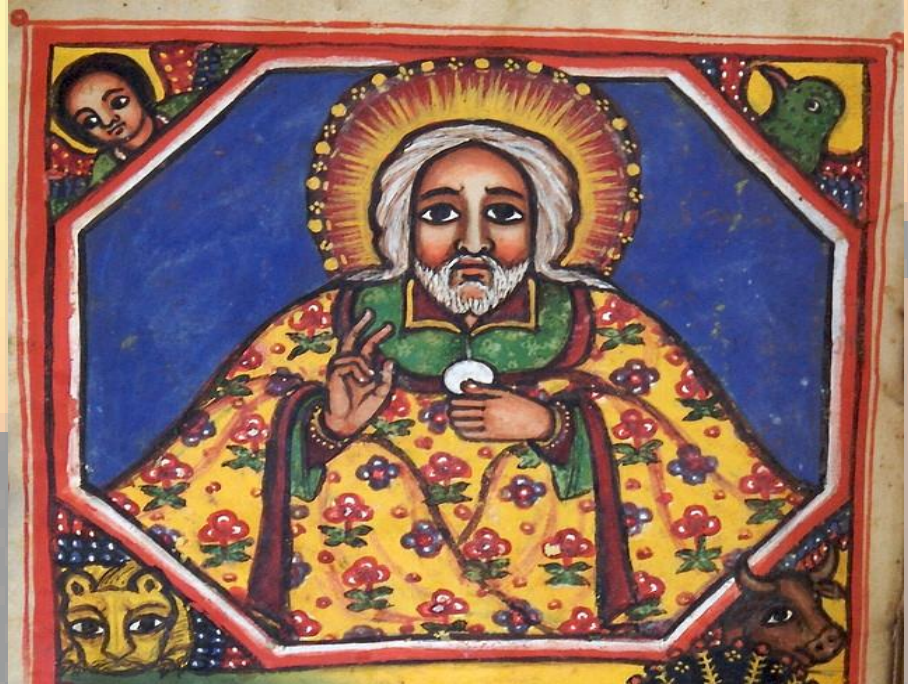
Conclusion

Our Bible tells us that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. He is the One chosen by God to save his people from their sins.

Let us say these Bible words together—

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

John 20:31



Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.

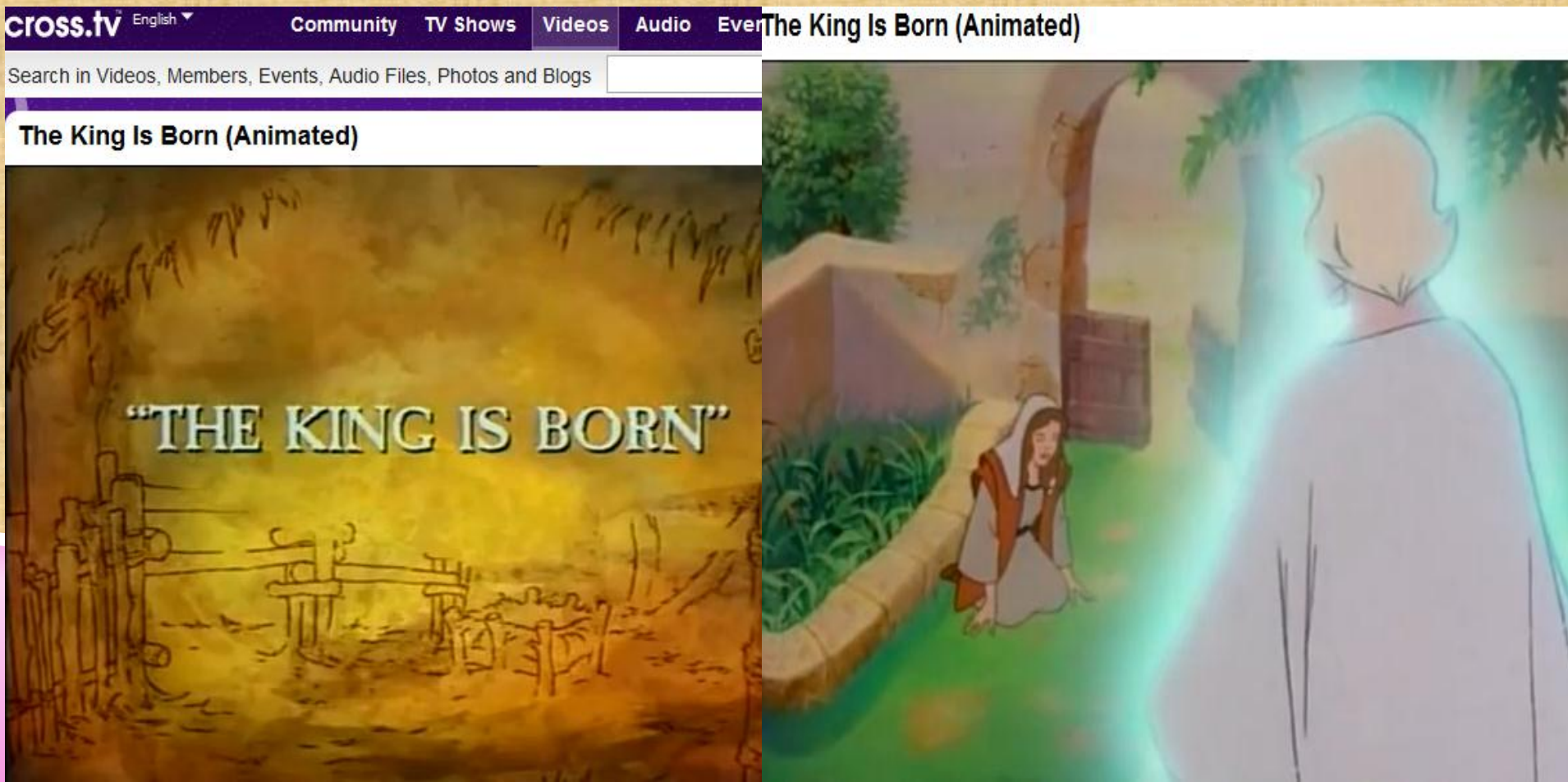
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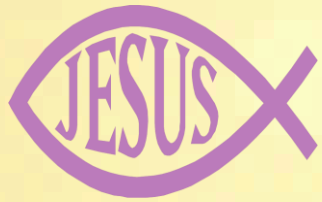


1. What is the name of the angel who visited Mary?
2. What did the Angel tell Saint Mary?
3. Whose son is Jesus?
4. What is Jesus means?
5. Is Jesus a King?
6. Why do you think the baby leaped in Elizabeth's womb when she heard Mary greetings?

The End

Next Week

We will learn about The birth of Jesus.





May the love of God the **Father** and the grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

