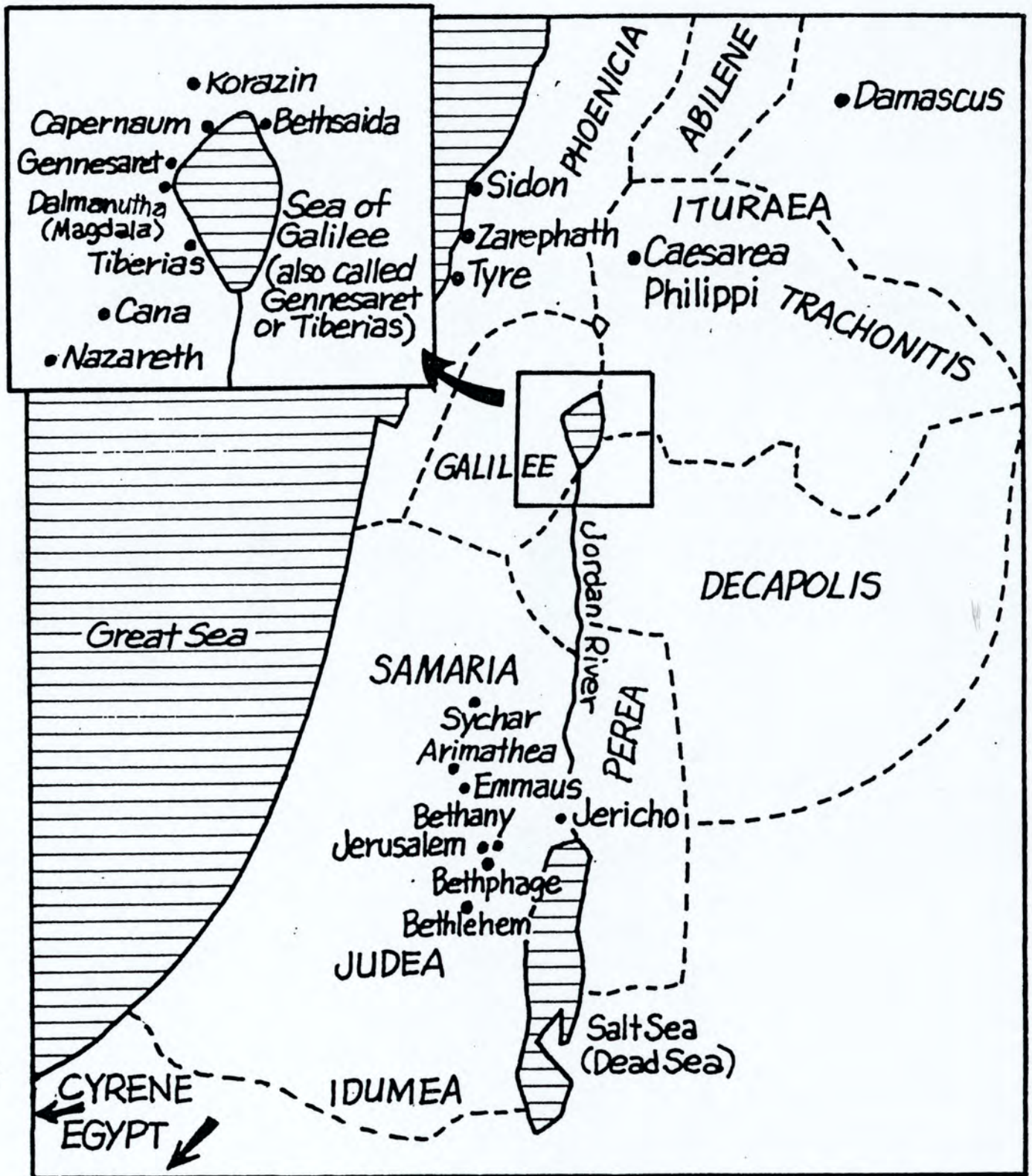


# LESSON PLAN

Lesson Number: 173  
Grade Level: 4-6

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: God Has a Plan/The Christmas Story  
Text/Story: Luke 2:1-20  
Main idea: Christ's birth is an actual event; it was a miraculous event directed by God was His plan of redemption.  
Key Verse: Luke 2:11

Time	Activity	Description
	Pre-Lesson Scripture Scramble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Materials: 3x5 cards</li> <li>Write the events of Christ's birth on 3x5 cards; each event on a separate card; if you have a large class, make two sets</li> <li>Place the cards on the table in random order</li> <li>Begin the class by asking the students to put the cards in correct sequential order (for large classes divide into two groups and use two sets of cards)</li> <li>Cards could be tacked onto bulletin board, taped on wall or left on table</li> </ul>
	Lesson Luke 2:1-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read the Christmas story together as a class; while reading each event, check to see if cards were placed in correct order</li> <li>Use map to show where Joseph and Mary travelled from (Nazareth) and to (Bethlehem); props could also be used (e.g., tax form, baby blanket, straw, etc.)</li> <li>Discuss how special this birth was--the birth of God's Son--yet how humble it was</li> <li>Point out the reason for Jesus' birth and how He is the gift God gave to mankind</li> </ul>
	Post-Lesson Christmas Craft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make a special Christmas craft; some suggestions:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>dough art ornaments</li> <li>decorate Christmas cookies</li> <li>Christmas cards</li> <li>napkin rings (using toilet paper rolls)</li> <li>stainglass pictures (using cellophane or coloured tissue paper on black tag board or construction paper)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>





# The Christmas Blessing

Unscramble the scattered words in the top box, and write them on the lines in the middle box to form the key verse for this lesson. When you have completed the verse, use the two words that have a bold underline and complete the two sentences in the bottom box which tell why Jesus was a Christmas Blessing.

Christ Lord. in the  
unto day this is the  
For of you born a David  
which is Saviour, city

“ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_” — Luke 2:11

God sent Jesus to earth because He loves \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus came to earth to be our \_\_\_\_\_.

Lesson #173



From the very fall of man, God had a plan for the redemption of all mankind. Read the story of Jesus' birth and find where these prophecies were fulfilled.

Micah 5:2 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 132:11 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 7:14 \_\_\_\_\_

Because God loved us so much he willingly gave "His only begotten son" to be the ultimate sacrifice for our redemption from sins. In the account of Christ's birth there were those who yielded their will to God to accomplish His plan.

**Mary** - She was as yet unmarried and had no reassurance that Joseph would accept her in her condition. In spite of the impropriety what did she answer the angel of the Lord? Read Luke 1:30

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**Jesus** - He came to earth even though he knew the will of his father. What was God's will for Jesus? Read Luke 9:22.

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God has a continued plan for mankind. Luke 24:46-47. As we consider the birth of Jesus and the work he came to accomplish, what can we do for God's plan to be fulfilled?

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God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9) Explain this verse.

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