



## Rescuer – Lesson I

### Order of Service (Skit)

#### 1) Introduction

#### 2) Welcome & Memory Verse

Hey everybody! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am so glad all of you are here today. This is my very favorite time of year! Do you know why? That's right – because it's almost time for Christmas!

Let's all stand up and learn our new memory verse.

**“God** (point up)

**loved** (sign for love)

**the world** (arms form a circle above your head)

**so much** (arms way out wide)

**that he gave** (hands palms up out in front of you like offering a gift)

**his one** (hold up one finger)

**and only Son.** (use arms like cradling a baby)

**Anyone** (arm sweeps in front of you and out as if presenting everyone)

**who believes** (point to head)

**in him** (point up)

**will not die** (squatting down while moving hands palms down back and forth over the tops of each other like in the hand jive)

**but will have eternal life.”** (jump up with hands above your head)

**John 3:16**

Let's try that one more time. (Repeat.)

Good job, everyone! You can sit back down now. We have some friends here today, so let's get to know more of God, respect others, and put on our listening ears and hear about how the very first Christmas came to be.

#### 3) Skit

Roles:  
Storyteller  
Mary  
Gabriel  
A/V

Props:  
Costume for Angel  
Costume for Mary  
Spotlight

Storyteller: **Everything was ready. The moment God had been waiting for was here at last! God was coming to rescue his people just as he promised in the beginning.**

Mary: (Enters and twirls about on stage saying) **Oh, I just cannot wait to get married. Joseph and I will be so happy. Our wedding is going to be so beautiful. I wonder how many children we will have. God has been so faithful. Joseph is such a nice young man.**

(A bright light shines as Gabriel enters and Mary hunkers down afraid)

Gabriel: **You do not need to be afraid. The Lord is pleased with you.**

(Mary looks around to see if he might be talking to someone else.)

Gabriel: **Mary, you are going to have a baby, a little boy. You will call him Jesus. He is God's own Son. He is the One! He is the Rescuer!**

Storyteller: **The God who created everything was making himself small and coming down as a baby to rescue his people and turn them back to himself. God loves his people so much he wanted to make a way to be with them. But wait! God was sending a baby to rescue the world?**

Mary: **I am not married to Joseph yet. How will this be?**

Gabriel: **The Holy Spirit will come to you, and the power of the Most High will cover you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. For with God, nothing is impossible!**

Mary: **I am God's servant. May everything you have said to me come true. I will do whatever the Lord asks.**

(Gabriel exits and the spot light turns off.)

Mary: **My soul gives glory to the Lord. My spirit delights in God my Savior. The Mighty One has done great things for me.**

Storyteller: **So God was faithful and did what he told the prophets he would do. A child would be born to a young woman. A son would be given to rescue us and bring us peace.**

## **4) Songs**

That really is great news! And you know what really great news makes me want to do? It makes me want to sing – how about you? Let's all stand up and sing about the wonderful news of Christmas!

## **5) Prayer & Closing**

Great job singing! Let's sit back down and pray before we go back to our classes.

Dear God, thank you so much for the great news of Christmas. Please help us to remember that the real reason that we celebrate is that you sent your son Jesus to rescue us. Thank you for your amazing love. Amen.

Thanks so much for coming today! We'll see you next time!

