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# The Polar Paper

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# 1st-2nd Grade – Bus Ministry

~ I am teaching these dear bus children through the life of Christ. Because the year has just begun, I have been teaching them about Joseph, Mary, and Jesus using the theme, "God is almighty." But how is it miraculous that a woman



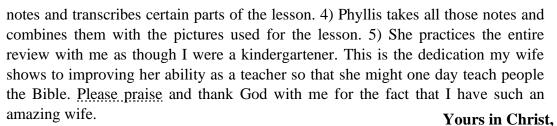
had a baby? The miraculous part is that she was a virgin. For my age group, I tried to describe Mary as an unmarried woman (i.e., a pregnancy without needing a man). That was a mistake. The concept was too deep; and my kids were confused. "Unmarried? What is marriage?" they wondered. I realized that none of them—not a single child—has parents who are married. They literally do not understand the concept. In fact, most of them were born and have lived their lives "without needing a man." In trying to show God's greatness, I completely confused my students.



~ It is difficult to describe how God did something almighty with Jesus and Mary when this society (at least in part) has completely removed the concepts necessary to recognize the miracle. I am currently rethinking my strategy, but this definitely threw me for a loop. This is an example of why we are ministering in Iceland. Many in this society are desperately broken, and it is impacting future generations. By God's grace, maybe we can help to break the cycle. Please pray that God would continue to use us to show people in Iceland that Christ offers a better path and direction for their lives and for eternity.

# **Phyllis – Teaching Training**

~ I am so proud of my wife. Phyllis is now learning how to teach. She is currently working with our kindergarten class and has been tasked with reviewing the lesson taught the previous Sunday. Allow me to describe how seriously Phyllis takes this kindergarten review. 1) Phyllis records Vicki Weimer teaching the children. 2) She listens through the entire lesson. Certain sections she listens to repeatedly to grasp every part of the lesson. 3) She takes



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