



WEEK 2 - December 2019 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: Jesus is born.

Jesus Is Born • *Luke 2:1-7*

Memory Verse: "God has given a son to us." Isaiah 9:6, NCV

Key Question: How do we know God loves us?

Bottom Line: God gave us Jesus.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Summary: The very first Christmas was a string of God planned events that came together to create a wonder-filled story that would be told again and again and again. God sent His Son to earth in the form of a human baby who grew to be someone like no other. Ultimately, He gave His life for us.

This month, we celebrate the beautiful gift of Jesus. We want preschoolers to say again and again that, 'God gave us Jesus.' We want it to live deep within their hearts so they grow to trust that God loves them with a love so great that He gave them His one and only Son, Jesus, to be their friend forever.

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 | 12:00-12:10 - FREE PLAY

SFX: High-energy music from Spotify playlist "PreK Walk-in"

9:10-9:25 | 10:40-10:55 | 12:10-12:25 - MAKE IT FUN

SFX: Play low-energy music from Spotify playlist "PreK Small Groups"

9:25-9:45 | 10:55-11:15 | 12:25-12:45 - MAKE IT TRUE

LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story

What You Need: Bible; The Story Star from week one; the Story Star for Week Two (with double-sided tape on the back)

(Storyteller enters carrying a Bible and the Story Star for Week Two.)

Optional Story Images can be found in the Large Group Images folder. (02_LG35_Stage_Images) They can be used in conjunction with this script.

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! I am so happy to see you today! I have the story of Christmas to tell you. I also have my Bible (*hold up Bible*) and a Story Star (*hold up star*) to help me.

(Open the Bible and lay it aside. Walk to the story star from Week One.)

"First, God sent an angel to tell Mary, she was going to have a special baby. When I count to three, let's say the special baby's name together. One, two, three!"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "JESUS!"

STORYTELLER: "YES! The angel told Mary she would have a baby boy and His name would be Jesus.

(Hold up the Story Star for Week Two for the children to see. Point to Mary and Joseph as you mention their names.)

"Today's part of the Christmas story begins with Mary and Joseph. Say, 'Hi, Mary and Joseph!'"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: “Hi, Mary and Joseph!”

STORYTELLER: “I’ll put this story star right here for all of us to see.

(Tape the Story Star onto the backdrop.)

“There! Now we have story star number two in our starry, starry night.

“Mary and Joseph lived in a town called Nazareth, but they needed to go aaaaalllllll the way to a town called Bethlehem to be counted. But there was one little problem. Mary was going to have a baby. And you know that baby’s name, right? His name is Jesus!

“We know it would be very hard for Mary to walk all the way to Bethlehem, especially since she was going to have a baby. Hmm. Do you think Mary rode in a car all the way to Bethlehem?

(Pretend to drive a car while you pause for response.)

“No. They didn’t have cars way back then.

“Do you think Mary rode in an airplane all the way to Bethlehem?

(Pretend to be an airplane while you pause for response.)

“No, they didn’t have airplanes way back then either.

“Do you think Mary rode on a donkey all the way to Bethlehem?

(Pretend to ride a donkey while you pause for response.)

(Option: Story Image W2 01)

“I think she probably rode a donkey too! Pretend you’re riding a donkey. Say, ‘Giddy-up, donkey!’”

(Continue to pretend to ride a donkey while saying, “Giddy-up!”)

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: “Giddy-up, donkey! Giddy-up, donkey!”

STORYTELLER: “Whoa, donkey!

(Stop pretending to ride a donkey, and continue with the story.)

“When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, they needed to find a place to sleep.”

(Option: Story Image W2 02)

“But, all of the rooms were filled with people. There was nowhere for them to stay, except for where the animals stayed.

(Walk over to the Story Star and point to baby Jesus in the manger.)

“So, when it was time for baby Jesus to be born, Mary wrapped Him all snug and warm and laid Him in a box that animals eat out of called a manger.

(Option: Story Image W2 03)

“The baby that God sent the angel to tell Mary about was here! Jesus was born!

(Walk closer to the children.)

“God loves us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus! God loved Mary and Joseph, and He loves me, and He loves you! We know God loves us because **[Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus! How do we know God loves us?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “God gave us Jesus!”

STORYTELLER: “Louder, so everyone can hear! **How do we know God loves us?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “God gave us Jesus!”

STORYTELLER: “Now whisper it, because baby Jesus is sleeping. **How do we know God loves us?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “God gave us Jesus.”

STORYTELLER: “Good job! And now look at our starry, starry night! We have TWO big Story Stars. It’s looking more and more WOW! I can’t wait to add another star next time.

“Okay, let’s close our eyes now and talk to God.”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. I hope we always trust Your BIG love for us. In Jesus’ name, amen.

“See you next time! Bye!”

(Storyteller exits with the Bible and Host enters very excitedly.)

CG: Bible Story Wrap-Up Video

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Engage kids' hearts through dynamic and interactive worship in a Large Group setting.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! I'm super excited to see you today because all month long, we're celebrating CHRISTMAS! At this very special time of year, **how do we know God loves us?**"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* "God gave us Jesus."

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! *[Bottom Line]* God gave us Jesus. Jesus is the BEST gift ever. Let's thank God for this wonderful gift by singing together.

(Lead children in singing "What Christmas Is About," this month's worship song.)

"Christmas is all about Jesus! God gave us Jesus because He loves us! **How do we know God loves us?**"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* "God gave us Jesus."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes. Do you remember our verse from the Bible this month? It says: *God (point arms straight up) has given (cup both hands in front of you like you are giving something) a son (rock your arms like you're holding a baby) to us (point your thumbs to your chest),* Isaiah 9:6. *(Hold hands open like a book.)* Let's say it together."

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: "*God (point arms straight up) has given (cup both hands in front of you like you are giving something) a son (rock your arms like you're holding a baby) to us (point your thumbs to your chest),* Isaiah 9:6." *(Hold hands open like a book.) (Repeat several times.)*

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! God has given His Son to us to show us just how much He LOVES us. Let's clap our hands and stomp our feet as we sing about how God gave Jesus to you and me.

(Lead children in singing "Special Delivery.")

"It IS good news that God gave Jesus to me and you. *[Bottom Line]* God gave us Jesus. **How do we know God loves us?**"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* "God gave us Jesus."

Dismiss children to small groups.

9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 MAKE IT STICK

SFX: Play low-energy music from Spotify playlist "PreK Small Groups"