



WEEK 4 - December 2019 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: God gave us Jesus because He loves us.

Happy Birthday Jesus! • *Retell the Entire Christmas Story*

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 Stars from Weeks One through Three; the Story Star for Week Four (with double-sided tape on the back)

(Storyteller enters merrily singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and carrying a Bible and the Story Star for Week Four.)

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: "I wish all of you a merry Christmas!"

(Pause and smile really big at the children as you lay the Story Star on the floor in front of the backdrop.)

"Today is the day we have all been waiting for! We are finally celebrating Jesus' birthday!"

(Open the Bible and lay it aside. Then walk to each Story Star and point to the pictures as you mention them.)

"Many of you know the story of when Jesus was born. I'm going to need you to help me tell the story today. Can you do that with me? *(Pause.)*

"Great! Let's get started!"

(Walk to the Week One Story Star.)

"We have our Story Stars to help us. Let's begin with Story Star number one.

“The true story of Christmas begins with a young woman named Mary. Who remembers who came to visit Mary? Was it an angel? *(Pause.)*”

(Option: Story Image W4 01)

“That’s right! An angel told Mary she was going to have a baby boy. The baby would be God’s Son, and His name would be Jesus. This was great news!”

(Walk to the Week Two Story Star.)

“After the angel told Mary the good news, Mary and Joseph had to travel to a town called Bethlehem. What did Mary ride to Bethlehem? Say it with me.”

(Option: Story Image W4 02)

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: “A donkey!”

STORYTELLER: “Yes! Great job!”

“When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, there were no more rooms left. Where were they going to sleep? Someone let them sleep in a stable where they kept their animals. And that is where the special baby was born. What is the name of the special baby?”

(Option: Story Image W4 03)

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: “JESUS!”

STORYTELLER: “Yes! Jesus, God’s Son, was born! Just like the angel said!”

(Walk to the Week Three Story Star.)

“Then something else amazing happened! That night, on a starry, starry night, there were shepherds out in a field watching over their . . . what? Do you remember what animal the shepherds watching? *(Pause.)*”

“You got it! The shepherds were watching sheep! While they were watching their sheep, suddenly they saw something in the sky! Was it an airplane? *(Pause.)*”

(Laugh.) “No. It wasn’t an airplane. Was it a big hot air balloon? *(Pause.)*”

(Laugh.) “No. It wasn’t a hot air balloon.”

(Option: Story Image W4 04)

“The shepherds saw an angel! The angel told them that Jesus had been born! Then lots of angels filled the sky singing and praising God because God’s Son, Jesus, had been born!

“The shepherds got so excited that they ran to see baby Jesus. When they saw Him, they were amazed. Then they got excited and went running again! This time they ran to tell all of their friends that **[Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus! And how do we know God loves us?**”

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

STORYTELLER: “Jesus grew up to do so many amazing things and teach us how to love others.

“And the BEST part is that Jesus came to be our friend forever. Who wants to be your friend forever?”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Basic Truth] “Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”

STORYTELLER: “Yes! And how do we know God loves us?”

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

STORYTELLER: “THAT, my friends, is the true story of Christmas!

“And since Christmas is all about Jesus’s birthday, our Story Star today has a birthday cake for Jesus.

(Hold the Week Four Story Star up for the children to see and then stick it on the backdrop beside the Week Three Story Star.)

“I’ll put it right here so we can all see it. There. Great job, everyone!

“Turn to the person next to you and give them a high five. You know the Christmas story, and now you can tell everyone about it!

“Let’s close our eyes now and talk to God.”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for the true story of Christmas. We want to celebrate Jesus’ birthday just like the angels did when they were singing and praising You in the sky. This truly is the BEST time of the year! We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

STORYTELLER: “Merry Christmas, everyone! I’ll see you next time!”

(Storyteller exits with the Bible. Host enters 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: “Hello, hello, friends. Can you believe it’s almost CHRISTMAS? On Christmas, God gave us Jesus. **How do we know God loves us?**”

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

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes! *[Bottom Line]* God gave us Jesus. Let’s dance and sing and shout and tell God how much we love Him!”

(Lead children in singing “What Christmas Is About,” this month’s worship song.)

“We can show God just how much we love Him when we sing to Him! He loves us so much. **How do we know God loves us?**”

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

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes, *[Bottom Line]* God gave us Jesus! Let’s say our verse together. Are you ready to say it with me? *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.)* Can you say it with me?”

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: “Exactly! You’ve done such a great job with our verse this month! God gave Jesus to me and you. A special delivery, yes, it’s true! Let’s sing this out together!”

(Lead children in singing “Special Delivery.”)

“That was awesome! One more time: **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"