



## WEEK 5 - December 2019 - PRESCHOOL

**Bible Story Focus:** The wise men come to see God's Son.

The Wise Men • *Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11*

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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**LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:**

**Bible Story**

**What You Need:** Bible; Previous Story Stars; Story Star for Week Five with double-sided tape on the back.

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

*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! My name is [Storyteller's name]. It sounds like [Host's name] is trying to make a really big star. Well, guess what! The Bible story I am going to tell you today is about a really special star that God made. And it's all true! I can't wait to tell you about it!

*(Hold up the Story Star for Week Five for the children to see. Point to the wise men, star, house, and Jesus as you mention them.)*

"This is our last Story Star. I'll put it right here so we can look at while we listen to the story.

*(Tape the Story Star onto your fabric. Step back and admire the starry, starry night that has come together.)*

"Now we have five Story Stars in our starry, starry night. Wow! And together they tell the true story of Christmas. Amazing!

"Okay, okay. So like I said, this part of the Christmas story is about a star. But not just any star—this star was very special."

*(Pretend to look through a telescope and scan the room.)*

“Make a telescope with your hands like this. Now look through your hands and tell me if you see a star anywhere in our room.

*(Look around and point out several stars.)*

“There’s one! Oh, and there’s one. I see another! And another! I see stars everywhere!

“It sounds like you see a lot of stars, too! Great job! You can put your pretend telescopes down now.

“The special star that God made was different than all the other stars. It was very, very, VERY special. And God made it to point to someone very, very, VERY important. Do you know who this important person is? We have been celebrating His birthday! If you know His name, say it when I count to three. One, two, three!”

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** “JESUS!”

**STORYTELLER:** “Yes! Jesus!

“Well, one night, far away, some wise men saw the special star God made in the sky, and they knew they should follow it.

*(Option: Story Image W5 01)*

“I want everyone to stand up and pretend to follow the star like the wise men did. Let’s march in place while we follow the star. Here we go!

*(March in place with the children.)*

“The wise men followed and followed and followed the special star. Keep marching!

“The wise men followed and followed and followed the special star some more. Keep marching!

“The wise men followed and followed and . . . STOP! *(Freeze.)*

“The star stopped! No more marching. You can sit down now. *(Pause.)*

“The star stopped over a house. So the wise men stopped and went to the house. Who do you think the wise men found when they went to the house?

*(Pause and point to the house in the Story Star picture.)*

*(Option: Story Image W5 02)*

“Yes! Jesus! God used the special star to show the wise men where to find Jesus! When they saw Him, they knew He was the one God sent to show how much He loves everyone. The wise men bowed down and worshipped Jesus and gave Him their very best gifts.

*(Option: Story Image W5 03)*

“And then they celebrated that **[Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus! How do we know God loves us?**”

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

**STORYTELLER:** “He sure did! Let’s close our eyes now and talk to God.”

### **PRAYER**

**STORYTELLER:** “Dear God, thank You for loving us so much You gave us Jesus. Thank You for helping everyone know who Jesus is and how much You love us. You are the best, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.

“Bye, friends! See you next time!”

*(Storyteller exits with the Bible. Host walks in looking amazed.)*

**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:** “How was your Christmas? Did you celebrate with your family? I’m so thankful for Christmas and a chance to celebrate the best gift ever: Jesus! **How do we know God loves us?**”

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “This is our last week to sing about what Christmas is really all about! Let’s sing together.

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

“Beautiful singing! Christmas is all about Jesus! **How do we know God loves us?**”

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “That’s right. Let’s say our memory verse together one more time.

*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:** "Okay, friends! This is your last chance to celebrate Christmas—the day when Jesus came. Let's make the loudest noise ever as we sing 'Christmas Party' together.

*(Lead children in singing "Christmas Party.")*

"That was amazing! 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.*

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

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