



WEEK 3 - December 2019 - TWO'S

Bible Story Focus: The angels tell about Jesus.

The Shepherds • *Luke 2:8-20*

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

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

1. Sheep Hunt

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Plush sheep

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Hide the sheep around the activity area.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to look around the room and find the sheep. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today we are going to pretend to be shepherds! Shepherds are people who take care of sheep."

During the Activity: "There is a sheep that we need to take care of in this room. Oh, no! I think he is lost! Let's work together and find the sheep!" (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "You found him! Nice work! You are great shepherds. Today we are going to hear a wonderful Bible story about shepherds who were given a very important job."

Transition: Move to Bible story time by pretending to be shepherds and look for sheep as you walk to the story area.

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

What You Need: This month's worship song, "What Christmas Is About."

LEADER: "Hi, friends! Welcome! This month is all about Christmas. God gave us Jesus on Christmas. **How do we know God loves us? [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus.** God sent Jesus to us because He loves us. Let's sing to Him to show just how much we love Him.

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

"Great job, friends! I'm so glad **[Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus!**"

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

1. Star Power

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

What You Need: “Star Power” Activity Page; cardstock; star stickers or stamps

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Star Power” on cardstock (one per child).

During the Activity: Give each child an Activity Page and the star stickers or stamps. Encourage the children to use the stickers or stamps to decorate the Activity Page.

After the Activity: Say the memory verse with the children.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Our memory verse tells us that God gave us Jesus!”

During the Activity: (Give each child an Activity Page.) “Our page has a star on it, just like the starry night that Jesus was born! Let’s put stars all over the page.” (Do activity.)

After the Activity: “Nice job! Your page looks just like a starry night! Let’s say our memory verse together. *God has given a son to us*, Isaiah 9:6. Our verse from the Bible tells us that **[Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus. How do we know God loves us? [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus!**”

2. Message Run

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler’s natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Guide the children to stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Challenge the children to run in place for 30 seconds. Then ask them to stop and say, **[Bottom Line] “God gave us Jesus!”** Repeat several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Let’s run to tell everyone a message just like a shepherd.”

During the Activity: “Everyone run in place like this (*demonstrate*) and then when we stop running, we will shout, **[Bottom Line] ‘GOD GAVE US JESUS!’** really loud! Are you ready?” (*Pause and do activity.*)

After the Activity: “Way to go! You are great messengers just like the shepherds! God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus! **How do we know God loves us? [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus!**”

3. Add a Staff

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, *Bottom Line*, or memory verse by creating a craft

What You Need: “Staff” Activity Page, cardstock, bendable straws, clear tape, and crayons

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the Activity Page onto the cardstock (one per child).

During the Activity: Give each child an Activity Page and the crayons. Ask the children to color the shepherd with the crayons. Help the children tape a straw next to the shepherd as a staff.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Shepherds carry staffs to help herd their sheep. Staffs are long sticks. We are going to make a picture of a shepherd with his staff.”

During the Activity: (Give each child an Activity Page.) “First, we need to color our shepherd with the crayons. (Do activity.) Great job! Now we can add the staff! (Finish activity.) That is perfect!”

After the Activity: “Great job! Shepherds gave everyone the message that **[Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus. How do we know God loves us? [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus!**”