

WEEK 4 - December 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Make it True

Captivate kids with a bible story and help them understand how it connects to their world.

-Large group time

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LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story

What You Need: Bible, large bag, soccer ball, plush puppy dog, and a Christmas star tree

topper.

Optional: Story Images

What You Do: Place the soccer ball, puppy dog, and star tree topper inside the bag. Make sure the angel decoration, nativity set, and candy cane decoration from previous weeks are placed throughout the storytelling area.

The storyteller enters carrying a Bible and large bag.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible and lay it open on the table. Place the bag of story props beside the table.

"We've been talking a lot about the true story of Christmas. There was a baby born. Does anyone remember his name? Hmmm . . . let's think. What was his name? (*Pause for response.*) YES! His name is Jesus! Jesus is special because [*Bottom Line*] Jesus is God's Son. But the story isn't over yet! There's one more part I want to tell you today. If you're ready for the story, on the count of three yell, 'Tell me a story!' One, two, three."

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "Tell me a story!"

STORYTELLER: "It sounds like you're ready!

"Okay, after Jesus was born, God put something very special in the sky.

Reach in the bag and pull out the soccer ball.

"Was it a soccer ball? (Pause for response.) No. That isn't right.

Reach in the bag and pull out the plush puppy dog.

"Did God put a puppy dog in the sky? (Pause for response.) Noooo. (Laugh.) That would be pretty silly.

Reach in the bag, pull out the star tree topper, and place it on the table.

"God put a . . . STAR in the sky! Yes, God put a special star in the sky, and far, far away there were some wise men who saw it. They knew the star meant something special. They knew God had put the star there to help them find Jesus.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)

"The wise men were so excited! 'We've got to follow that star,' they said. So, they did! And the star led the wise men right to Jesus.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)

"When the wise men saw Jesus, they knew He was very, VERY special. They bowed down and worshipped Jesus.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)

Then, they gave Jesus presents to show that they knew Jesus was special. It was wonderful!

"The wise men knew Jesus is special, and now we do, too! Why is Jesus special?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus is God's Son."

STORYTELLER: "Yes! Jesus is special because *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is God's Son. And we can remember how special Jesus is every day, not just at Christmas.

"Did you like the story? If you did, give me two thumbs up!

Look at the audience and give two thumbs up.

"Awesome! Okay, it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus. Help us remember how special He is. Help us worship Jesus like the wise men did. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.

"It has been such a wonderful time learning all about the true story of Christmas together. Thank you for being here! Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible and bag of story props, leaving the star tree topper on the table.

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:

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, friends! What an awesome month we've had celebrating Christmas, the day God gave us Jesus! Tell me, **why is Jesus special?"**

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus is God's Son!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes! *[Bottom Line]* **Jesus is God's Son.** God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus. That's the very best news in the world. So, let's sing and dance and join this happy song.

Lead children in singing "Jesus Is" this month's worship song.

"We celebrate Christmas because God gave us Jesus. God gave us Jesus because He LOVES us. The Bible tells us that 'God (point up) loved the world so much (hug yourself) that he gave (hands out with palms up) his only Son,' (rock arms like a baby) John 3:16. (Open hands like a book.)

Say the verse and do the motions several times together.

"Let's have a Christmas party and say, 'Happy Birthday, Jesus!' Sing this out with me.

Lead children in singing "Christmas Party."

[Basic Truth] "God loves me, and God loves you! He showed just how much He loves us by sending His son, Jesus. Why is Jesus special? [Bottom Line] Jesus is God's Son."

Dismiss children to small groups.