



WEEK
ONE
DECEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role play to enhance their learning



1. SEND A SPECIAL MESSAGE

WHAT YOU NEED: Index cards, markers; Optional mailbox

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the index cards, markers and mailbox (*optional*) on the table. Set the plush friends

around the floor of your activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children around the table. Encourage them to "write" a message to their friends. If using a mailbox, encourage them to "mail" their special message by placing it in the box. Select a child to pose as the mail carrier, collecting all the cards from the mailbox to deliver to each plush friend. If not using the mailbox, encourage the children to deliver their special messages to the plush friend of their choice. Children may create more than one message as time, interest, and supplies allow.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Pass out wipes or guide children to a sink for cleaning messy fingers. Collect all plush friends for clean-up.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, gather around the table with me! Can you point to the plush friends? (*Pause.*) That's right! Let's create some special messages for all of our plush friends using these cards and stamps.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "That was fun! (*Hold up the index card with an "A".*) Do you see this letter? It's the letter A. 'A' is for Angel! Today, we'll hear a special message that an angle told someone. Let's go!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by loudly whispering a special message to the last child in line. This will require a leader at the front and a leader at the back. The leader at the back will whisper a special message (*like 'Jesus wants to be my friend forever' or 'God made me' or 'God loves me'*) to the last child. That child will whisper what they hear to the next child. Continue until the special message makes its way to the leader at the front who will then repeat it to the group to hear if it is correct!

BIBLE STORY

God told us He would give us Jesus.
("A" is for Angel.)

THE ANGEL AND MARY
LUKE 1:26-33, 38, 46-49

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.



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MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



2. MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Say the memory verse and do the following motions in front of the children.

"God has given (*point up*) a son (*rock the baby*) to us (*thumbs to chest*)," Isaiah 9:6. (*Open hands like a book.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "I will say our new memory verse. Everyone, listen and watch me! 'God has given (*point up*) a son (*rock the baby*) to us (*thumbs to chest*),' Isaiah 9:6." (*Open hands like a book.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Now, let's do it together! Are you ready? 'God has given (*point up*) a son (*rock the baby*) to us (*thumbs to chest*),' Isaiah 9:6." (*Open hands like a book.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Our memory verse tells us that **God gave us Jesus!** God loves us SO much. **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!**"

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MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



3. ANGEL HANDPRINT WINGS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Angel Handprint Wings" Activity Page; light blue cardstock; washable white inkpad; wet wipes; and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Angel Handprint Wings" on light blue cardstock, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Help children ink the right hand and press on the right side of their "A." Wipe clean. Ink their left hand and press on the left side of the "A."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! Today, we learned that God had big news to share. The very first person He told was a lady named Mary, and God sent an angel to tell her!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "On your paper is a big letter . . . A! That's right! And what did we learn 'A' is for? (Pause.) Angel! Good job! You're going to turn this letter A into an angel. What do angels have? (Pause.) Wings, that's right. To give your angel its first wing, you need to cover one hand with the white ink. (Pause.) Now press your hand on one side of the 'A.' (Pause.) Clean your hand then ink your other hand. (Pause.) Press that hand down on the other side of the 'A.' (Pause.) Fantastic! Okay, clean that hand. (Pause.) What sweet angel A's you made! 'A' is for . . . Angel!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our story today, we learned that God loved us way before we were even born! Isn't that amazing? God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus. God sent an angel to tell Mary that she would have a baby and His name would be Jesus. The angel told her that Jesus would grow up and do amazing things. I'm so glad that God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus, and we get to celebrate Him at Christmas. **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus.**"

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



4. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Isaiah 9:6, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time! Today, we'll chomp (*clap your straight arms like an alligator mouth*) like alligators while we walk to our small group

spot; because 'A' is for alligator! Get your alligator mouth ready and follow me! (*Clap your straight arms together like an alligator mouth as you lead the children to your small group spot.*)

"Great job, little alligators! Now, let's sit down and talk about something else that begins with the letter A in our Bible story today. One, two, three, sit down with me! (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

"Today's Bible story was about an angel. 'A' is for ANGEL! God sent an angel to give Mary a very special message. Do you remember the angel's special message for Mary? (*Pause.*) Yes! The angel told Mary she would have Baby Jesus!

"God loves you, and **God loves me** so much that He gave us Jesus! That's how we know God loves us. **God gave us Jesus! How do we know God loves us?"**

CHILDREN AND SGL: "God gave us Jesus!"

SGL: "And the Bible verse we'll learn will help us remember that **God gave us Jesus**. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*) 'God has given a son to us,' Isaiah 9:6. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*)

"The Son God has given us is His Son, Jesus! Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together with these motions I'll teach you. Just say what I say and do what I do."

CHILDREN AND SGL: "'God has given (*point up*) a son (*rock the baby*) to us (*thumbs to chest*),' Isaiah 9:6." (*Open hands like a book.*)

(*Repeat the verse with motions a few times.*)

SGL: "You did great! (*Give two thumbs-up.*) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

"Today, we'll make a list in our prayer journal of things we would like to get for Christmas. So, when I say your name, tell me one gift you want, and I will write it in our prayer journal. (*Say each child's name and write down what they say.*)

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(4. JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

“These are some great gifts! But God has already given us the BEST gift. Say His name with me.”

CHILDREN AND SGL: “Jesus!”

SGL: “Yes! **God gave us Jesus!** Let’s pray and thank God for all the gifts we will receive this Christmas and for giving us the best gift—Jesus! Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

SGL: “Dear God, Thank You for Christmas. It’s such a special time when we can show people we love them by giving gifts. Thank You for gifts like *(read the list the children made)*. But more than anything, thank You for the gift of Jesus. Jesus is the best gift ever! We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”