FOR LEADERS ONLY

Christmas is such a special time of year! Preschoolers will experience a lot of excitement and wonder. We all do! But as they get older—and as we take time to stop and remember—we hope that the good news that God gave us Jesus will become the MOST wonderful part of Christmas. So get ready because we are hopping aboard the CHRISTMAS TRAIN, and it's carrying the true story of Christmas!

WEEK 1

Story Focus: God tells Mary she is going to have His Son Jesus. God has an important message for Mary so God sends an angel to tell Mary that she is going to have a baby. But not just any baby. This baby is God's Son, and His name is Jesus!

WEEK 2

Story Focus: Jesus is born. Mary and Joseph travel a LONG way to the town of Bethlehem, and Jesus is born in a stable where animals sleep. Jesus wasn't born in a fancy place, but Jesus is special because Jesus is God's Son. God loves us so much He gave us Jesus!

WEEK 3

Story Focus: The shepherds run to Jesus. An angel tells shepherds in a field that God's Son, Jesus, has been born and that they could find him in a manger. They run to find baby Jesus in the manger with Mary and Joseph.

WEEK 4

Story Focus: Happy Birthday, Jesus! Christmas is when we celebrate Jesus' birthday. As we celebrate the good news that God gave us Jesus, we will retell the Christmas Story again—from the angel and Mary all the way to the shepherds. Oh! And we'll sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus, of course!

WEEK 5

Story Focus: The wise men go to see Jesus, God' Son. The wise men don't have a train to ride, but that doesn't stop them from following a special star and traveling a long way so they can worship the new King. Once they find Him, the wise men lay their gifts before the very best gift—Jesus, God's Son. God loves us so much He gave us Jesus!