



WEEK
ONE
JULY 2024

SMALL GROUP

2 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



1. GIVING GIFTS

WHAT YOU NEED: Index cards, gift bow, inflatable globe beach ball, and a marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Write each child's name on an index card. Place the gift bow on the globe ball. Have the children sit in a circle in the activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Call a child's name and ask them to pull a card. Read the name on the card and ask that child to raise their hand. Encourage the child who pulled the card to take the gift (*globe*) to the child raising their hand. Everyone shouts: "Hooray!" Ask the child with the ball to return the ball to you and select a card. Repeat until all names have been called.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit in a circle with me. I have a game for us to play today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We're going to share a gift with all our friends. (*Hold up the ball.*) This beach ball looks like the world, and it has a gift bow on it! Isn't it a beautiful gift? We're going to take turns giving it to each other. [Child's name], come and pick a card. (*Read the child's name on the card aloud.*) Wow, you picked [child's name]! Raise your hand, [child's name]. Take the special gift to [child's name]. Great job! Everyone, shout, 'Hooray!', with me. Hooray! Okay [child's name], bring the ball back to me and pick a card. (*Continue with each child.*) That was so much fun sharing the special gift with each other!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In today's Bible Story, we'll hear how Jesus came to give us the gift of joy! Let's go hear about it."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to carry a special gift.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus came to give the world joy.

SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS
LUKE 2:8-20

MEMORY VERSE

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

LUKE 2:10, ESV

KEY QUESTION

Who gives you joy?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus gives me joy.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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25 MINUTES

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3. FLY LIKE ANGELS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bubble solution, and a large bubble wand or machine

Note: We recommend only using a hand-held operated wand or bubble machine to prevent the spreading of airborne illnesses.

BIBLE STORY

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SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS
LUKE 2:8-20

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather children in front of you in an open area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Blow bubbles toward the children. Encourage the children to fly like angels and pop the bubbles. When they pop a bubble, encourage the children to pop the bubbles and say, **"Jesus gives me joy!"** as they fly like angels. Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

LUKE 2:10, ESV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "I am so excited to play with bubbles with my friends today!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "When the bubbles come, show me how you can fly like an angel and pop the bubbles. When you pop a bubble, say: **'Jesus gives me joy!'** Are you ready to fly? (*Blow bubbles.*) Wow! Look at all the bubbles! Fly angels, and pop the bubbles! **Jesus gives me joy!**" (*Repeat as desired.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "You did such a good job flying like angels and popping the bubbles! The angel in our Bible Story told the shepherds: 'Jesus, God's Son, has been born.' Jesus came to bring joy to the world. **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy.**"

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



2. STORY MITTENS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Story Mittens" Activity Page, cardstock, and double-sided tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Story Mittens" on cardstock and cut, one set per child.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to fold and tape the Shepherds and Angel mitten cutout, leaving the bottom open for their hand. Help as needed. Repeat for the Nativity mitten cutout.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story and Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come sit with me! We're going to make story mittens to wear on our hands!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's make a shepherds and angel story mitten first. (Give each child a Shepherds and Angel mitten cutout.) These are the shepherds (point), and this is the angel (point). God sent an angel to tell the shepherds the good news that Jesus had been born! Let's put our mittens together so we can wear it on our hands. (Assist as needed.) Now put your story mitten on your hand and hold it up. Say: 'I bring you good news (repeat) . . . of great joy (repeat) . . . that will be for all the people.' (repeat) Yay! The good news about Jesus gave the shepherds great joy!"

"Take your Shepherds and Angel story mitten off and lay it to the side. We're going to make a Baby Jesus story mitten now! (Give each child a Nativity Scene mitten cutout.) This is Baby Jesus (point), and this is Mary and Joseph (point). After the angel told the shepherds the good news, they ran to see Baby Jesus! They found Baby Jesus lying in a manger, just like the angel said. Let's put our mittens together so we can wear it on our hand. (Assist as needed.) Now put your story mitten on your hand and hold it up. Say: 'Jesus is born! Jesus is born!' The shepherds ran to tell everyone the good news so they could have joy too!"

"Now let's put both of our story mittens on our hands! (Assist as needed.) Hold up your Shepherds and Angel mitten, and say: 'I bring you good news (repeat) . . . of great joy (repeat) . . . that will be for all the people. (repeat) God's Son, Jesus, is born!' (repeat)"

"Hold up your Baby Jesus mitten, and say: 'Jesus is born! (repeat) Jesus is born! (repeat) Let's tell everyone the good news (repeat), that Jesus is born!' (repeat)"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus gave the shepherds so much joy, and Jesus gives you joy too! **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!**"



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1. 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 teach the motions to the children.

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

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, join me over here. We have a brand-new Memory Verse and motions to learn! Everyone, listen and watch me. 'I bring you (move upward-facing palms to one side) good news (move flat hand from chin to palm) of great joy (brush flat hands upward twice) that will be for all the people; (arms out wide) Luke 2:10. (Open hands like a book.)"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Now let's do it together! Are you ready? 'I bring you (move upward-facing palms to one side) good news (move flat hand from chin to palm) of great joy (brush flat hands upward twice) that will be for all the people; (arms out wide) Luke 2:10. (Open hands like a book.) Nice job! Let's do it again." (Repeat several times.)"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Our Memory Verse teaches us that God loves us so much that God gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. Jesus came to give the whole world joy. **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy.** Let's say that one more time, friends. **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy."**