



PRESCHOOL

JULY 2024

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

No one likes for a party to end, so let's keep this party going! That means you can keep all of those streamers, hats, and party horns right where they are because we have MORE to celebrate! This month, we're celebrating Jesus because **Jesus gives me joy!**

We're not talking about the happiness you get from a carnival ride or a triple scoop of ice cream kind of joy. We're talking about the joy only Jesus can give! It's the kind of joy that we can have no matter what. It is a joy that lasts forever!

So grab a handful—or two—of confetti. It's time to start the party . . . AGAIN!

<p>WEEK ONE</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY Shepherds and Angels * Luke 2:8-20</p>	<p>STORY FOCUS Jesus came to give the world joy.</p>
<p>WEEK TWO</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY Wedding at Cana John 2:1-11</p>	<p>STORY FOCUS Jesus helps us have joy.</p>
<p>WEEK THREE</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY Be Joyful with Others Romans 12:15</p>	<p>STORY FOCUS I can help my friends have joy.</p>
<p>WEEK FOUR</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY Heaven Revelation 21, 22:1-5; John 14:3</p>	<p>STORY FOCUS I can have joy forever because Jesus wants to be my friend forever.</p>

**Monthly Story for Toddler Curriculum*

MEMORY VERSE	KEY QUESTION	BOTTOM LINE
<p>"I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY THAT WILL BE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE." LUKE 2:10, ESV</p>	<p>WHO GIVES YOU JOY?</p>	<p>JESUS GIVES ME JOY.</p>

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.



WEEK
ONE
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
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STAGE

PRESCHOOL Week 1

Story Focus:

Jesus came to give the world joy. An angel appears to tell some shepherds some good news that would cause great joy for all people--as in the whole world! Those shepherds went from frozen in fright to running with wonder! Joy had come into the world! The shepherds knew they needed to share the joy that Jesus gave them with EVERYONE because Jesus came to give everyone joy. Now we get to teach our preschoolers that Jesus came to give them joy too! That's worth celebrating!

MEMORY VERSE

"I bring good news of great joy that will be for all the people."
Luke 2:10, ESV

Bottom Line

Jesus gives me joy.

BIBLE TRUTH

Shepherds and Angels
Jesus came to give the world joy.
Luke 2:8-20

NOTES

- All **yellow highlighted text** are cues for audio and visual slides.
- You will do rules, worship, and the Bible verse from the stage, and the Bible story will be on video.

Preschool Teaching Outline: Week 1

1. INTRO: Welcome kids, get them excited
 2. Room Rules
 3. Worship
 4. Friends Around the World: Local Partner
 5. Intro: 1-2 minutes
 - a. Start the Party
 6. Bible Lesson Video: **Shepherds and Angels**
 7. Application
 - a. Jesus gives me joy.
 - b. "I bring good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10 ESV
 8. Prayer
 9. Big Group Game: Running Shepherds
- LESSON TOTAL: 25 MINUTES
10. Small Groups: 10-15 minutes

WELCOME

Hi friends! My name is [your name], and I'm SO excited to see you today! I'm so glad you're here! Before we get started with today's lesson, let's review our room rules so that we can have a fun day!

RULES

Show Graphic: Preschool Rules

Let's put on our moose antlers and call our friend Dan-o to help us. (Thumbs on either side of your head with fingers splayed.) Daaaaaan-ooooo! (Have kids participate as you do motions.)

- The first rule is: be a friend! (Give yourself a hug as you say the rule.)
- Rule number two is: be safe! (Do baseball gesture for safe.)
- The next rule is: be a good listener! (Cup your ears.)
- Rule number four is: take care of the room and the toys! (Shake your finger while you say the rule.)
- The last rule is: join in! (Spread your arms wide and bring them in.) Let's all join in right now and stand up for worship.

WORSHIP

Let's all join in right now and stand up for worship. Let's do our best singing to let God know how much we love Him!

Show Worship: Jesus Is My Best Friend

Show Worship: Fly

Great job, friends! You can sit right down.

FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD

Show Graphic: Friends Around the World -Local Partner

We have friends here in the room, in our schools, and our neighborhoods, but did you know that we have friends all over the world? Here at Flatirons, we do this really cool thing called Friends Around the World.

Every month, we learn more about our friends in different places so we can pray for them and give our money to help them with the things they need. Those are both ways to show we love them!

(see printout for local partner info)

If you brought money this week, bring it up now and put it in our Friends Around the World container. (Collect offering).

Show Song: Friends Around the World- Local Partner

Show Graphic: Friends Around the World -Local Partner

Thanks everyone! Another way we can help our friends is by praying for them. Let's pray! Dear God, thank you for our friends around the world. Please take extra good care of them. Help them have all they need. Amen!

INTRO

Show Series Graphic: Start the Party

Hello, friends! I'm SO excited to see you today! I can't wait to share a true story from the Bible with you. Today's true story begins on a starry night in a field a long time ago. There were shepherds in the field taking care of sheep. Let's visit Ollie and our friends to hear more!

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK1_ Start the Party

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: Start the Party

"Jesus gave the shepherds joy, and Jesus can give you joy, too, because Jesus came to give the whole world joy! So, tell me, who gives you joy?" **[Bottom line] Jesus gives me joy!**

Bible Verse

(Open Bible.) In the Bible, we read that an angel said, '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.) The good news was that Jesus was born!

Show Verse: "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

"Let's learn it together. Watch me say it with the motions; then you can do it with me! Ready? Stand up and follow me!

"I bring you (bring upward facing palms toward your body)
good news (move flat hand from chin to palm)
of great joy (jazz hands)
that will be for all people (open arms wide)
Luke 2:10 (open hands like a book.)

(Practice verse a couple of times using whisper voices, silly voices, loud voices, slow, fast, then have kids sit back down, get quiet, fold hands, and close their eyes.)

Great job, everybody! Let's pray.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to teach us how much You love us. Help us remember that we can have joy all the time because You love us all the time. You're the best, God! In Jesus' name. Amen.

BIG GROUP GAME

After the angels shared the good news, the shepherds had so much joy, they ran to see Jesus. Let's pretend to be the shepherds! Look at this picture

Show Graphic: Shepherds running

When we see this picture of the shepherds running, we will run in place and pretend to run to see Jesus.

Show Graphic: Angel and Shepherds

When we see this picture of the angel, we'll freeze and shout **[Bottom Line]** "Jesus gives me joy!"

Ready to play? Everyone stand up. Let's play!

(Alternate between the pictures. Play as long as kids are engaged or as time allows.)

SMALL GROUP TIME

Great job! Now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Use your walking feet and find your small group.

Show Graphic: Small Group