

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

DECEMBER 2024

Show and Tell is always a favorite. Children have so much fun looking for the most special thing they can find to show their friends, and what each child shares helps teachers and friends get to know them a little bit better by seeing what is most valuable to them.

This month, we're taking a look at the ultimate Show and Tell. God showed the world how much He loves us by giving us Jesus. That is what we celebrate at Christmas, and that is what we will continue to show the world through our actions and tell with our words.

WEEK ONE	BIBLE STORY The Angel and Mary Luke 1:26-33, 38	STORY FOCUS God sends an angel to tell Mary she is going to have His son, Jesus.
жеек ТWO	BIBLE STORY Jesus Is Born Luke 2:1-7	STORY FOCUS Jesus is born to show the world that God loves us.
THREE	BIBLE STORY The Shepherds Luke 2:8-20	STORY FOCUS The shepherds run to see Jesus and then run to tell everyone about Jesus.
FOUR	BIBLE STORY Happy Birthday, Jesus!* Luke 1:26-33, 38; 2:1-20	STORY FOCUS We celebrate Christmas to show everyone that Jesus is special.

MEMORY VERSE	KEY QUESTION	BOTTOM LINE		
"GOD HAS GIVEN A SON TO US." ISAIAH 9:6, NCV	WHY IS JESUS SPECIAL?	JESUS IS GOD'S SON.		
GOD LOVES ME.				
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Preschool Large Group December 2024 Week 1

STORY FOCUS:

God sends an angel to tell Mary she is going to have God's Son, Jesus.

God has an important message to tell Mary, so God sends an angel to Mary. When Mary first sees the angel, she is afraid, but the angel says, "Do not be afraid." The angel tells Mary that she is going to have a special baby named Jesus. Jesus is special because Jesus is God's Son.

MEMORY VERSE

"God has given a son to us." Isaiah 9:6

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is God's son.

BIBLE TRUTH

The Angel and Mary Luke 1:26-33, 38

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: Uncharted
- 5. Intro: 1-2 minutes
 - a. Show & Tell
- 6. Bible Lesson Video: The Angel and Mary
- 7. Application
 - a. Jesus is God's son.
 - b. "God has given a son to us." Isaiah 9:6
- 8. Prayer
- 9. Big Group Game: Jingle Bells
- 10. Small Groups

LESSON TOTAL: 25 MINUTES Small Groups: 10-15 minutes



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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.) Oh Daaaaaannnnn-oooooo! Can you all help me act out our room rules?! (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! (Wag your finger while you say the rule.)
- The last rule is: join in! (Spread your arms wide and bring them in.)

WORSHIP

Awesome job friends! Let's all join in right now and stand up for worship! Let's do our best singing so we can let God know how much we love Him!

Show Worship: Away in a Manger

Show Worship: Here is our King

Great job, friends! Thanks for worshipping with me today! Now it's time to turn around, sit down, and shake the wiggles out (wiggle hands.) so we can hear (cup hands behind ears.) all about our Friends around the World!

FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD

Show Graphic: Friends Around the World – Uncharted

Here in Kids Ministry, we do this cool thing called Friends Around the World. Every month, we help one of our friends with a special project in their community. This month, we're partnering with our friends called Uncharted International!

Uncharted supports brave men and women in several places around the world who are building churches and teaching about Jesus! They help people learn about how awesome God is, and they usually work in communities where it's dangerous to follow God. This month, we're going to support them in their work! Check out this video!

Show Video: Friends Around the World – Uncharted

If you brought in money for our friends this week, go ahead and bring it up now to put it in our offering container!

Show Song: Friends Around the World – Uncharted

Thank you so much for taking care of our friends! Praying is a great way to show others we love them! Let's pray for our friends at Uncharted and I challenge you this week to take time to keep praying for our friends at Uncharted!

"Dear God, thank you for our friends around the world. Please take extra good care of our friends at Uncharted this month as they tell others about Jesus. Amen!"

INTRO

Show Series Graphic: Show & Tell

Hi, friends! I'm SO happy you're here! It's the month of December, which means it's almost Christmas! Christmas is when we celebrate Jesus' birthday, and we are going to celebrate Jesus' birthday all month long. We can show and tell everyone that Jesus was born. We worship Jesus because **[Bottom Line]** Jesus is God's Son!

I can't wait to share the first part of the true story of Christmas, and it's right here in the Bible!

(Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.)

The true story of Christmas begins when God gives a very important message to a woman named Mary. Let's visit Ollie and our friends to find out what that message was about.

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: Show & Tell

Wow! God sent an angel to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby! And what is the baby's name? (Pause for response.) That's right! Jesus!

Jesus is special because **[Bottom Line]** Jesus is God's Son. So, every time I ask you, why is Jesus special? you can say, **[Bottom Line]** Jesus is God's Son.

Let's try it! Why is Jesus special? (Kids and leaders respond.) [Bottom Line] Jesus is God's Son

Bible Verse

Show Verse: Isaiah 9:6

(Open Bible.) The Bible teaches us in Isaiah 9:6 that [Memory Verse] God has given a son to us.

Let's learn our **Memory Verse** together. Are you ready? Watch me say it and do the motions, and then you can do it with me!

"God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down.) has given (pretend to give a gift.) a son (rock a baby.) to us." (point to self twice.) Isaiah 9:6 (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! Now, let's take a seat, bow our heads, and close our eyes so that we can pray. (Have kids sit back down, get quiet, fold hands, and close their eyes.)

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for showing us how much You love us by giving us Your Son, Jesus. Thank You for all of my friends here today, and that we get to hear the true story of Christmas together. You're the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name. Amen.

BIG GROUP GAME

Since we're getting ready for Christmas, I thought it would be fun to sing "Jingle Bells" together! Raise your hand if you know the song. Awesome! Your leaders are going to hand each of you a jingle bell to sing along with the song. Once you have your jingle bell, I want you to stand up and show me you're ready to sing! (Leaders hand out jingle bells to kids.) Ok friends, follow along and sing with me!

Show Song: Jingle Bells

SMALL GROUP TIME

That was so much fun! Go ahead and give your jingle bell to a leader close to you. Now it's time for more Bible fun! There's always more to learn! Now let's use our walking feet and find our small groups!

Show Graphic: Small Group