



WEEK TWO – DECEMBER 2025 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *Jesus Is Born* | *Luke 1:26-33, 38*

Key Question: *How do we know God loves us?*

Bottom Line: *God gave us Jesus*

Memory Verse: “*God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son*” – *John 3:16 GNT*

Basic Truth: *God loves you*

Series Overview: The shapes we’re talking about this month are so much more than just hearts, squares, circles, and stars. They are fun ways to help preschoolers remember the true story of Christmas. Hearts remind us that “God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son” (John 3:16, GNT). Squares look like a gift, and Jesus is absolutely the best gift ever. Circles remind us of fluffy sheep, and God sent angels to announce His great gift to shepherds who were watching their sheep. Then God put a special star in the sky to lead wise men to come worship young Jesus.

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

OPENING ACTIVITY

What You Need: “*Hunt for the Gift*” Activity Page: gift bows; painter’s tape

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - A Place the pictures around the room face down and secure with a piece of tape along the top edge.
 - Stick a gift bow on each paper.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Encourage children to look around the room to find the gift.
 - When they find one, invite everyone over to discover what’s inside.
 - Celebrate each discovery!
 - Reset and repeat as desired.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Hello friends! I have something exciting to tell you! We’re going on a gift hunt today! All around the room are gifts with pretty gift bows on top! (*Show children an example of the presents.*) When you find one, shout hooray and we’ll all come see what’s inside your gift.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Ready, set, go! (*Pause.*) Oh look! Our friend [child’s name] found a gift! Let’s go find out what’s inside! (*Pause.*) Okay [child’s name] lift up the gift and show us what’s inside. (*Pause.*) It’s [picture]! Super cool! Let’s go find some more gifts! (*Repeat as desired.*) Great job finding all the gifts! Each one of the gifts were super fun, but what do

you think is the best gift ever? (*Pause for responses.*) Wow! Those are some amazing gifts!”

- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “You were such wonderful gift finders today! In our true story from the Bible, we’ll hear how God gave us the best gift ever! Let’s go hear it together!”

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 – LARGE GROUP

Story Focus: Mary and Joseph travel a long way to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to God’s Son, Jesus. Mary wraps baby Jesus in cloth and lays Him in a manger. God loves us so much that God gave us Jesus!

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 – SMALL GROUP

THE GIFT OF VERSE

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

What You Need: “The Gift of Verse” Activity Page; glue sticks

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Fold and glue the sides together for each paper.
 - Scatter out of order in your area.
 - This activity can be done sitting at a table or on the floor.
 - Say the Memory Verse and do the motions together with the children.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Encourage children to find the five gifts and put them in numerical order.

- Flip one gift over at a time then the leader will read the words on the back.
- Once all five gifts have been flipped over, leader will read the entire verse.
- Say the verse and do the motions together. Reset and repeat as desired.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Work as a group and repeat words slowly and several times to allow time for all children to process.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come join me over here and let’s say our Memory Verse and do the motions together. Everybody ready? Okay! Here we go! ‘God *(flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down)* loved the world so much *(cross arms over chest)* that he gave his only Son,’ *(rock arms like a baby)* John 3:16. *(Open hands like a book.)* Great job, everyone.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, I need your help finding the five gifts I brought today. Let’s go look around! *(Pause.)* Hooray! Hooray! You found all five gifts! Look how pretty and colorful they are! *(Pause.)* Each present has a number on it. *(Point.)* Let’s put them in order, one to five. Do you see the gift with the number one on it? *(Pause.)* There it is! What about the gift with the number two? *(Continue with each gift and line up numerically.)* Great job! Thank you for helping me find all the gifts and put them in order. Let’s turn them over and see what’s inside. *(Flip gift number one over.)* Gift number one says ‘God loved the world’ hmm, let’s see what gift number two has inside. *(Flip gift number two over.)* It says, ‘so much.’ Let’s keep going! *(Continue flipping each gift and reading the words.)* Now that we’ve opened

each of the gifts, let's put the words together. (*Point to each gift as you say the words.*) 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,' John 3:16. (*Repeat as desired.*) That was so fun opening all the gifts to find our Memory Verse together."

- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - "And do you know what the very best gift God gave us is? (Pause for responses.) Jesus! That's right! Jesus is the best gift ever! God loves us so much that [*Bottom Line*] **God gave us Jesus**. And that is what we celebrate at Christmas! **How do we know God loves us?** [*Bottom Line*] **God gave us Jesus.**"

PASS THE GIFT

[Live for God | Application Activity]

What You Need: Music; gift box with lid; individual heart stickers

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Put the heart stickers, one per child, inside the gift box.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Ask children to sit in a circle.
 - Pass the gift box around as you play the music.
 - Pause the music and ask children to stop passing the gift. Instruct whoever is holding the gift to open the box, take out one sticker, and replace the lid.
 - Encourage everyone to say the Memory Verse with the motions together.
 - Start the music and continue until each child has a turn.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*

- “Friends, come over and sit in a circle on the floor with me. I have a fun game for us to play.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “We are going to pass this gift box from friend to friend as the music plays. When the music stops, whoever is holding the box gets to do something special. Everyone will get a turn. Are we ready? Great! *(Start music.)* I’ll pass the gift next to me, and you pass it next to you. Keep going around the circle. *(Pause the music.)* [Child’s name] you’re holding the gift. Open it up and see what’s inside. *(Pause.)* Heart stickers! Hearts make us think of love! Take one sticker then close the box. Let’s all say our verse together as we do the motions. Ready? ‘God *(flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down)* loved the world so much *(cross arms over chest)* that he gave his only Son,’ *(rock arms like a baby)* John 3:16. *(Open hands like a book.)* Great job, friends. *(Start music)* Pass the gift. *(Continue until each child has a turn.)* That was so much fun, and look, you all have hearts to remind you that God loves you!
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “The Bible teaches us wonderful things like how much God loves us! God loves us so much that ***[Bottom Line]*** God gave us Jesus! Jesus is the best gift ever! **How do we know God loves us? *[Bottom Line]*** God gave us Jesus!”