

# December 10, 2017

**Bible Focus:** Jesus is born.

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

**Bottom Line:** God gave us Jesus.

**Basic Truth:** God loves me.

**Here's an overview of what you'll be teaching in 2s this week.**

## **Social (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)**

- Pack a Bag

## **Playground (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)**

- If the weather allows, travel to the playground for 10 minutes of playtime outside.

## **Snack (9:22, 10:37, 11:52)**

- Offer snack to the children, indoors

## **Bible (9:30, 10:45, 12:00)**

- Bible History presentation in the Sandbox

## **Groups (9:45, 11:00, 12:15)**

- Building a Stable

## **Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)**

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## **Social (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)**

Let one teacher lead children in activities throughout the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door. At this age not all children will participate, but most will want to be part of the fun.

### **Pack a Bag**

*Made to Play:* An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

**What You Need:** "Bag" Activity Page, large backpack, red shirt, toothbrush, small teddy bear, small blanket, sunglasses and a water bottle

### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Place the cards in a stack face down in random order. Set out all of the other items on the floor in the activity area.

*During the Activity:* Have the children sit in around the items on the floor. Tell the children that you are packing to go on a trip. Draw a card from the stack. Show the children the card. Ask a child to find the physical item on the floor that matches the item on the card. After he finds the item, ask the child to place it in the backpack.

*After the Activity:* Continue the activity by drawing the remaining cards one by one and packing the rest of the items. Make sure each child has a turn to pick up an item.

### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Let's pack for a trip!"

*During the Activity:* "I am going to draw a card. Let's see if you can find the items on the cards. (*Point to items and cards.*) Then we can pack it in our bag. Are you ready?" (*Do activity.*)

*After the Activity:* "Great job helping me find the items! Now we are all packed! Mary and Joseph are going on a trip in our Bible Truth today. I cannot wait to find out where they were going!"

**Transition:** Move to Playground time. Tell the children it is time to go on your trip, and have them walk while carrying a pretend backpack and holding onto the handle on the traveling rope.

### **Playground (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)**

If the weather allows, use this time to travel outside for 10 minutes of playtime. Place your "We are on the Playground" sign on the door as you leave. This will allow parents who are late to find you.

### **Snack (9:22, 10:32, 11:52)**

### **Bible (9:30, 10:40, 12:00)**

Travel to the Sandbox for the Large Group presentation. Place your "We are in the Sandbox" sign on the door as you leave.

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## Groups (9:45, 11:00, 12:25)

The following activities help make the Bottom Line stick. Encourage children to play on their own if they do not wish to take part in an activity.

### **Building a Stable**

#### **Talk About God | Bible Review**

*Made to Create:* An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible Truth, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

**What You Need:** "Stable" Activity Page, yellow foam star stickers (1 per child), markers, thin fabric cut into 2-inch squares (1 square per child), glue sticks, and completed sample craft

#### **What You Do:**

*During the Activity:* Give each child an Activity Page. Give each child a fabric square. Help the children glue the fabric on top of Jesus. Help the children stick one star on the point at the top of the stable.

*After the Activity:* Retell the Bible Truth.

#### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "We heard an AMAZING Bible Truth today!"

*During the Activity:* "We are going to make a picture of our Bible Truth. Do you see the stable? Where's baby Jesus? Let's give baby Jesus a blanket. (*Glue on the fabric.*) Great job! We need one more thing for our picture. Oh, I know! We need a bright star! (*Give each children one foam star.*) Place the star on the point of the stable." (*Point.*)

*After the Activity:* "Nice job. Your stables look amazing! Our Bible Truth told us that Mary and Joseph had to take a very long trip. While they were on their trip something AMAZING happened. Jesus was born! Mary and Joseph could not find a room to stay in, so they stayed in a stable with the animals. Jesus was born in the stable! God loves us so very much that He gave us Jesus! **How do we know God loves us? [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus!**"

## Get Ready to Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)