

PRE-K

December 17, 2017

Bible Focus: The angel tells about Jesus.

The Shepherds • *Luke 2:8-20*

Memory Verse: “God has given a son to us.” Isaiah 9:6, NCV

Key Question: How do we know God loves us?

Bottom Line: God gave us Jesus.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Make It True (Large Group, 20 minutes)

Historyteller Greet children at the door as music plays.

CG: Welcome Slide (“Every Day”)

Stop music once all classes are in and on a line.

Worship

What You Need: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at at Isaiah 9:6.”

HISTORYTELLER: “Yay! I’m so glad to see you today! It’s so much fun to sing with you. This month is so fun. I love learning all about God’s special delivery that He gave us because He loves us so much. **How do we know God loves us?”**

CG: Bottom Line Slide

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: *[Bottom Line]* “God gave us Jesus.”

HISTORYTELLER: “Great job! Let’s sing this month’s song.

SFX: “Special Delivery”

“Great singing, my friends. Remember, *[Bottom Line]* **God gave us Jesus. How do we know God loves us?”**

CG: Bottom Line Slide

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: *[Bottom Line]* “God gave us Jesus.”

HISTORYTELLER: “Exactly. *[Bottom Line]* **God gave us Jesus.** It’s time to practice our memory verse. Are you ready?”

CG: Memory Verse Slide

God (point arms straight up) has given (cup both hands in front of you like you are giving something) a son (rock your arms like you're holding a baby) to us (point your thumbs to your chest), Isaiah 9:6. (Hold hands open like a book.) Do that with me."

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: "God (point arms straight up) has given (cup both hands in front of you like you are giving something) a son (rock your arms like you're holding a baby) to us (point your thumbs to your chest), Isaiah 9:6." (Hold hands open like a book.) (Repeat several times.)

HISTORYTELLER: "You are all AMAZING at that verse! Have you shown your parents yet? How about your brother and sister? How about all your good friends? Make sure you show them today! Are you ready to sing another song with me? (Pause.) You are? Yay! This is one of my favorites. It reminds us that God loves us no matter what.

SFX: "No Matter What"

HISTORYTELLER: "Way to go, friends. Now, remind me: **How do we know God loves us?"**

CG: Bottom Line Slide

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [**Bottom Line**] "God gave us Jesus."

HISTORYTELLER: "That's right! You guys are so smart!! Ooh, I'm ready to see what's going on in the Clubhouse. Let's have a seat."

Introductory Sketch**CG: Intro Sketch Video****Bible History Lesson**

What You Need: Bible, 3 walking sticks or shepherds' staffs, 3 pieces of brown material, a small step ladder, 3 preselected preschool volunteers, a box for all of the props, and a nativity set

HISTORYTELLER: "I'm not sure if I ever told you this, but, this is my favorite time of year: Christmas! One of my favorite things is getting all of the Christmas Cards. I understand why this is so important to Jaden. I know for sure that today's Bible truth will help Jaden."

"Now, the angels had a very special message to share about what happened on Christmas. You know when Mary and Joseph went skiing (move your arms like you're

skiing down a mountain) down the mountain and crashed into a snowman? *(Pause.)* Wait a minute. Is that what happened?"

CHILDREN: "No!"

HISTORYTELLER: "Oh wait, now I remember. It was when Mary and Joseph went to Grandma's house for hot chocolate. Is that the real story of Christmas?"

CHILDREN: "No!"

HISTORYTELLER: "No? Are you sure? *(Pause.)* Then you tell me. What happened on Christmas night?"

CHILDREN: "Jesus was born!"

HISTORYTELLER: "Oh, that's right! It's the night Jesus was born! Where was he born again? Was it in a hospital?"

CHILDREN: "No!"

HISTORYTELLER: "Where was Jesus born?"

CHILDREN: "A stable."

HISTORYTELLER: "That's right! *(Walk over and reveal the nativity scene.)* God's Son, Jesus, was born in a stable full of animals in the town of Bethlehem. God's most amazing gift, His Son Jesus, was born, and no one but Mary and Joseph were there to see it. So God decided to announce it to the world in the most amazing way. Will my volunteers please come on out?"

(Have the three preselected volunteers come out, place the fabric around their shoulders, and hand them the walking sticks/staffs. Make sure they stand on the opposite side of the stage from the nativity scene.)

"As the Bible tells us—and we know that if we read it in the Bible *(hold up Bible)*, then it's TRUE—there were shepherds out in the fields watching over their sheep at night. When all of a sudden . . .

(Place the stepladder near the shepherds and climb up it.)

". . . an ANGEL appeared and said to the shepherds, 'I bring you good news of GREAT JOY! The Savior, Jesus, is born! You have to go see Him!' Then suddenly the whole sky was FULL of angels *(stretch your arms out above your head)* who started praising God! Can you imagine an entire sky filled with angels singing to God?"

(Climb back down from the stepladder.)

“Well, when the shepherds heard this, they ran to find the baby the angels told them about. *(To the ‘shepherds’)* Come on, let’s go and see the baby Jesus!

(Lead the shepherds to the nativity scene.)

“When the shepherds found baby Jesus, they were amazed. They realized how much God must love them—must love ALL of us—to give us His Son, Jesus. And they knew they couldn’t keep the news to themselves. So they went and told everyone that Jesus was born.

(To the ‘shepherds’) “Put your hands around your mouths like this and say, ‘Jesus is born! Jesus is born! Jesus is born!’”

SHEPHERDS: “Jesus is born! Jesus is born! Jesus is born!”

HISTORYTELLER: “Great job! How about some applause for our awesome shepherds? *(Pause.)* Great job, friends! You can hand me your shepherd gear and head back to your seats.

(Collect the shepherd stuff and send volunteers back to their seats.)

“Jesus was born. God loves us. And that’s what Christmas is all about. **[Bottom Line]** **God gave us Jesus. How do we know God loves us?**”

CG: *Bottom Line Slide*

CHILDREN: **[Bottom Line]** “**God gave us Jesus!**”

HISTORYTELLER: “The angels told the shepherds, the shepherds told everyone on that night so long ago, and now you and I can tell others that **[Bottom Line]** **God gave us Jesus.**”

HISTORYTELLER: “You Got it! I’m sure Jaden got it too. Let’s go see.”

Exit Sketch

CG: *Exit Sketch Video*

Offering and Prayer

Music Plays as the offering container is passed around

SFX: *“How Great is our God?”*

Bring volume down to signify prayer time.

HISTORYTELLER: “Let’s pray and thank God for this awesome news!”

“Heavenly Father, thank You for sending the angels to tell the shepherds this GREAT news. Thank You that the shepherds went to see baby Jesus and then told everyone about Him. And thank You that we can tell others too that YOU gave us Jesus! What an awesome gift. We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

Dismiss

“Well, that’s it for today. Have fun and I’ll see you next time. Bye!”

Start Music as children exit. Historyteller stands at the door as children exit.

CG: Farewell Slide (“Every Day”)

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Make It True

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CG: *Welcome Slide (“Every Day”)*

Stop music once all classes are in and on a line.

Worship

HISTORYTELLER: “Hello, friends. What a wonderful day. I can’t wait to sing with you. I love singing with you every week. But first, tell me: **How do we know God loves us?**”

CG: *Bottom Line Slide*

God gave us Jesus. That’s right! God gave us a special delivery! Let’s sing about that.

SFX: *“Special Delivery”*

“Great singing, my friends. Remember, **[Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus. How do we know God loves us?**”

CG: *Bottom Line Slide*

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HISTORYTELLER: “You are all AMAZING at that verse! Have you shown your parents yet? How about your brother and sister? How about all your good friends? Make sure you show them today!

HISTORYTELLER: “Hey, let’s have a seat and visit our friends in the Clubhouse.”

Introductory Sketch

CG: *Intro Sketch Video*

Bible History Lesson

What You Need: A Bible, 3 plush sheep, and a nativity set

Note: Cover the Nativity set

HISTORYTELLER: “Hey, I don’t think I every told you, but this is my favorite time of year! It’s Christmastime! And who was born on Christmas?”

CHILDREN: “Jesus!”

HISTORYTELLER: “Yes! Christmas is when Jesus was born in a stable full of animals in the tiny town of Bethlehem. But only Mary and Joseph were there to see His birth. So, God decided to announce it to the world in the most amazing way.”

(Hold the plush sheep.)

“The Bible tells us—and we know that if we read it in the Bible, then it’s TRUE—that there were shepherds out in the fields watching their sheep at night. Do you see the sheep here? *(Point.)* Shepherds protect them at night.”

“Now while they were out in the field, suddenly an ANGEL appeared and said to the shepherds: ‘I bring you good news of GREAT JOY! The Savior, Jesus, is born! You have to go see Him!’ Then suddenly the whole sky *(put your arms up and spread wide to show the whole sky)* was FULL of angels who started praising God!

“Well, when the shepherds heard this, they ran to find the baby the angels told them about!

(Reveal the nativity set.)

“When the shepherds found baby Jesus, they were so happy! And they knew they couldn’t keep the news to themselves. So, they went and told everyone that Jesus was born.”

(To the children) “Put your hands around your mouths like this and say, ‘Jesus is born, Jesus is born, Jesus is born!’”

CHILDREN: “Jesus is born! Jesus is born! Jesus is born!”

HISTORYTELLER: “Great job!”

“Jesus was born! God loves us! And that’s what Christmas is all about. **[Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus. How do we know God loves us?**”

CG: *Bottom Line Slide*

CHILDREN: **[Bottom Line]** “God gave us Jesus!”

HISTORYTELLER: “The angels told the shepherds, the shepherds told everyone on that night, and now you and I can tell others that **[Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus.**”

Exit Sketch

CG: *Exit Sketch Video*

Prayer

Music Plays as the offering container is passed around

SFX: *“How Great is our God?”*

HISTORYTELLER: “Let’s pray and thank God for this awesome news.”

“Heavenly Father, thank You that the angels told the shepherds this GREAT news. And thank You that we can tell others that YOU gave us Jesus! We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

Dismiss

HISTORYTELLER: “I had such a great time singing, dancing, and sharing God’s words with you. Thank you so much for coming to see me today! We’ll see you next time, friends! Bye.”

Start Music as children exit. Historyteller stands at the door as children exit.

CG: *Farewell Slide (“Every Day”)*