

Four's

December 16, 2018

Bible Focus: The angels tell about Jesus.

Shepherds • *Luke 2:6-18*

Memory Verse: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son." John 3:16, GNT

Key Question: Why is Jesus special?

Bottom Line: Jesus is God's Son.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Make It True (Large Group, 20 minutes)

Historyteller Greets children at the door as music plays.

CG: Welcome Slide ("Get Up")

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

Worship

What You Need: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at John 3:16."

HISTORYTELLER: "Yay! I'm so glad to see you today. It's almost Christmas. I'm so excited to celebrate Jesus' birthday! This month has been awesome as we are learning to say, [**Bottom Line**] 'Jesus is God's Son.' **Why is Jesus special?**"

CG: Bottom Line Slide

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [**Bottom Line**] "Jesus is God's Son."

HISTORYTELLER: "Yes! Jesus is God's Son, and we celebrate His birthday at Christmas. Let's sing our song about that together.

SFX: "Christmas Party"

"Great singing, my friends. You are all so amazing. **Why is Jesus special?**"

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HISTORYTELLER: “Yes! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is God’s Son.** It’s time to practice our memory verse. Are you ready?”

CG: Memory Verse Slide

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HISTORYTELLER: “I am so proud of you all! You are doing a GREAT job with that verse. Are you ready to sing another song with me? (Pause.) You are? Let’s sing.

SFX: “Special Delivery”

“Way to go, friends. Great singing. I am so thankful that God loves me and He sent us His Son, Jesus. **Why is Jesus special?**”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus is God’s Son.”

Introductory Sketch

CG: Intro Sketch Video

Bible

What You Need: Bible and costume angel wings

(Historyteller enters carrying a Bible and wearing the angel wings.)

HISTORYTELLER: “I’m pretending that today is Angel Day! See?”

(Turn around for the children to see the angel wings.)

“Angel wings! I’m pretending to be an angel because in today’s Bible Truth angels appeared to announce that Jesus was born. They came to announce Jesus’ birthday! You know, the reason why we’re having the biggest, bestest Birthday Bash ever!

(Open the Bible.)

“The angels were a big part of Jesus’ birthday celebration. You see, Jesus, God’s Son, had just been born. That same night, there were shepherds watching their sheep, because that’s what shepherds do. They watch sheep. Do you remember what a sheep sounds like? Let me hear you make a sheep sound.

(Pause.)

“Fantastic! You sound like a lot of sheep!

“Well, one night the shepherds were watching all of their sheep and all of a sudden an angel appeared and said to them and said, ‘The baby has been born! He is God’s Son! Go find Him in the manger!’ Then the whole sky was filled with more angels singing and praising God saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest!’

“Would you like to pretend to be an angel with me? *(Pause for response.)* Great! Everyone stand up. Hold out your pretend angel wings like this.

(Hold your arms out and move them slowly up and down.)

“Let’s say, ‘Glory to God in the highest!’ while we move our pretend wings. Ready?”

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: “Glory to God in the highest!”

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(Wait for children to sit down.)

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(Cup hands around each side of your mouth.)

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Exit Sketch

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Offering and Prayer

Music Plays as the offering container is passed around

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Bring volume down to signify prayer time.

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