

December 9, 2018

Bible Focus: Not everyone knew Jesus is God's Son.

Jesus Born in a Stable • *Luke 2:1-7*

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, 15 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: "Merry Christmas! It's so good to see you today. I can't wait to sing with you today. But first, tell me: **Why is Jesus special?**"

CG: Bottom Line Slide

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

HISTORYTELLER: "Yes! [*Bottom Line*] **Jesus is God's Son.** And we celebrate God's perfect gift at Christmas. It's Jesus' birthday! Are you ready to sing this month's song?"

SFX: "Christmas Party"

"Yay! What incredible singers you are. **Why is Jesus special?**"

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

CG: Bottom Line Slide

HISTORYTELLER: "Yes! [*Bottom Line*] **Jesus is God's Son.** God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus. Our memory verse tells us all about it. Are you ready to do it with me? (*Pause.*) Let's do it!"

CG: Memory Verse Slide

God (point up) loved (hug yourself) the world (raise arms overhead to form a circle) so much (stretch arms out as far as possible) that he gave (place hands together with palms up in front as if offering something) his only (point up) Son (hold arms as if cradling and rocking a baby), John 3:16. (Hold hands open like a book.) Let's do it again."

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: "God (point up) loved (hug yourself) the world (raise arms overhead to form a circle) so much (stretch arms out as far as possible) that he gave (place hands together with palms up in front as if offering something) his only (point up) Son (hold arms as if cradling and rocking a baby), John 3:16." (Hold hands open like a book.) (Repeat several times.)

HISTORYTELLER: "Way to go! God sent His Son to us at Christmas many, many years ago. He was a special delivery.

Introductory Sketch

CG: Intro Sketch Video

Bible History Lesson

What You Need: A Bible

HISTORYTELLER: "I'm super excited about Christmas and the special Birthday Bash we're planning for Jesus! Which reminds me, our Bible Truth today is about Jesus and the day He was born.

"It's all right in here.

(Hold up the Bible.)

"Now lots of times, when a baby is born now, they are born in a hospital with doctors and nurses and everything is clean and safe.

"But Jesus was born a long, long time ago, and it was very different.

"I would think Jesus would be born in the nicest, biggest, bestest hospital ever with lots and lots of important people there to take care of Him. I mean, after all, **[Bottom Line] Jesus is God's Son.** That's why Jesus is SO special. **Why is Jesus special?"**

CG: Bottom Line Slide

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

HISTORYTELLER: “He sure is, but it wasn’t like that all. There was no hospital or doctors or anything like that.

(Open the Bible and hold it.)

“Our Bible Truth begins with Joseph and Mary, Jesus’ mommy. Mary was riding on a donkey. Can you make a donkey sound? Say, ‘Hee-haw, hee-haw, hee-haw.’ Try that with me.”

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: “Hee-haw, hee-haw, hee-haw.”

SFX: *Donkey Bray*

HISTORYTELLER: “Good job! This donkey carried Mary all the way to a town called Bethlehem. When Mary and Joseph got there, you would think the entire town would be there to welcome them and throw a party because Jesus, God’s Son, was about to be born.

“But there was no one to welcome them.

“There was no one to help them.

“There was no party.

“The people didn’t know that the baby Mary was about to have was SO special.

“So, when Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem and knocked on the door of a place to stay . . .

“Knock with me!”

(Pretend to knock on a door.)

SFX: *Knocking*

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: “Knock, knock, knock!”

HISTORYTELLER: “Knock louder!”

SFX: *Knocking*

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: “Knock, knock, knock!”

HISTORYTELLER: “The people said there was no more room, but they could stay in the stable with the animals if they wanted.

“Can you guess what kind of animals might have been in the stable with Mary and Joseph? I’ll make the sound and you say out loud what animal you think it is.”

“Moooooo. *(Pause.)* Yes! A cow! What about this one?”

“Bawk, bawk, bawk. *(Pause.)* Right again! It’s a chicken.

“Okay, let’s try one more. What is this? Baa, baa, baa! *(Pause.)* You are so good at this. It’s a sheep!

“The stable wasn’t a nice, clean hospital, but it was a warm, safe place for Mary and Joseph to rest, and it wasn’t long before this sound was in the stable.

(Make a sweet crying baby sound.)

SFX: Soft Baby Cry

“What makes that sound? *(Pause.)*

“Yes, a baby. Baby Jesus was born right there in the stable. The most special baby, in the whole world, had been born, and the only people who knew were Mary and Joseph.

“There wasn’t a big party, but all that was about to change.

(Smile with excitement.)

“But you’ll have to come back next time to hear about it.

(Close Bible.)

“Before I go, tell me one more time: **‘Why is Jesus special?’**”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

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

HISTORYTELLER: “You got it! And that’s our Bible Truth for today. Jesus is special because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is God’s Son.**

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 Jesus."

HISTORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You that we can know Jesus' and that Christmas is all about His birthday. Thank You for loving us SO much that You gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. He is SO special! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, 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 ("Get Up")

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