



CHRISTMAS SHAPES | WEEK 2 | DECEMBER 14, 2025

Preschool Lesson

Jesus is Born

Bible Story: *Jesus is Born* • Jesus is the best gift • *Luke 2:1-7*

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

Key Question: How do we know God loves us?

Bottom Line: God gave us Jesus.

Basic Truth: I am loved by God no matter what so I can belong in God’s family forever.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Christmas is such a special time of year. It’s filled with wonder and excitement! There are so many things to see and do at Christmas that it’s easy to miss what Christmas is all about. That’s why we want to use shapes that preschoolers already know to help them remember the most important thing they will ever know: God gave us Jesus. 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 of us 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. Join us as we pray that Christmas will become a time when preschoolers and their families remember that God gave us Jesus. We hope they will begin to see reminders everywhere of the true story of Christmas.



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! How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus.

KID CONNECT

WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

OPENING ACTIVITY

(No Supplies)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your Small Group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

Transition to Large Group...

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE, BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE, MEMORY VERSE VIDEO; BIBLE)

LGL: "Hello my friends! How are you today? Come and sit with me. I am so glad you are here! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance and hear a true story from the Bible. Before we do let's go over our rules and truths.

"Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*Kids respond.*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (*List rules while counting on fingers*)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

"Can everybody follow those rules today? (*Kids respond.*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?

1. **I am made by God.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
2. **I am loved by God no matter what.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
3. **I am made for a purpose!** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*

"It's time for our memory verse. Let's watch our memory verse motions and do it along with them!"

Show memory verse motion video and then practice without it.

'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.)*

"Ok, now let's sing and worship God!"

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: SILENT NIGHT, WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(Story Box with Beginner's Bible, Stuffed Ollie the Owl, Christmas Gift Bag with Chipboard/Little People Prop for the Current Week (W1 Angel, W2 Baby Jesus, W3 Sheep))

LGL brings the story box with the Bible to the center of the room.

"I have my story box ready. I'm SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let's see what I have in here..."

Pull out the Bible

What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's the Bible! The Bible is God's word and God's word is always true. The Bible has many stories that make one BIG story, and we (you and me) are part of that story.

There is something else in our story box today. Let's see what it is!

Pull out Ollie and the Christmas Gift Bag with Prop for Current Week

Hello Ollie! Can everyone say, "Hello Ollie!" *(Pause for responses.)* What does Ollie have with him today? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's a PRESENT! Do you know what holiday is coming soon? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, CHRISTMAS! I love Christmas! At Christmastime we receive gifts from family, but the best gift we've EVER received is God's gift of Jesus! I wonder what our story is about today? Do you think this present will give us a clue? *(Pause for responses.)* Let's open it! *(Take out the prop for the current week.)* What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's BABY JESUS! Do you think baby Jesus is in our story today? *(Pause for responses.)* Let's get ready to watch and find out!

Let's click on our listening ears (tug on each ear, one at a time, as you make a click, click sound), let's put on our looking eyes (bring your hands, one at a time, to your eyes like binoculars as you say shook, shook) and let's put our hands that have been move and praising Jesus quietly in our laps.

Now we are ready. Let's watch today's true Bible story."

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

"What a great story! God loves us so much that he gave us Jesus! Happy Birthday, Jesus! Can you say that? *(Pause for responses.)* Happy Birthday, Jesus! This month we are learning that God loves us so much he gave us Jesus.

When I ask you, 'How do you know God loves us?' I want you to say, *[Bottom Line]* 'God gave us Jesus.' Are you ready? *(Pause for responses.)* **'How do you know God loves us?' *[Bottom Line]* 'God gave us Jesus.' YES! *[Bottom Line]* 'God gave us Jesus.'**

SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

Let's look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, 'I am loved by God no matter what so I can belong in God's family forever'. God sent us Jesus so we can be part of his family forever.

PRAY

"Let's get our hands ready to pray. *Open them, close them, open them, close them, give a little clap. Open them, close them, open them, close them, fold them in your lap.*

Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus. Jesus is Your Son, and You gave Him to us because You love us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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Present Squared (2’s-5’s)

(“Present Squared” Activity Page on Cardstock 2-3 per SG, “Present Squared Pictures” Activity Page, color copy 2-3 sets per SG and cut, clear tape)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Present Squared” on cardstock, two per small group. Copy “Present Squared Pictures” colored on paper and cut out two set of cutouts per small group.

During the Activity: Quick review of each image and how it relates to the Bible Story, then split the Small Group into two teams and let them ‘race’ to match the images to the correct section on the Present Squared page.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hello friends! Come join me over here, we are going to play a fun game to review the true story from the Bible.”

During the Activity: “I have four pictures that tell today’s Bible Story.

- **Mary and Joseph.** They had to travel a long way to a town called Bethlehem. (*while sitting, move your feet like you are walking*)
- **Mary, Joseph & the Manger.** We learned that a manger is something animals eat out of, it can also describe a place animals live. This is where Mary and Joseph stayed when they got to Bethlehem. (*pretend to eat an ice cream cone, pretend to eat a sandwich, pretend to eat a bowl of cereal*)
- **Manger with horse, cow, & sheep.** There might have been some animals there too! Like a horse, or a cow, or a sheep that ate from that manger. (*On the count of three, everyone do their favorite animal sound from this picture...1, 2, 3, (pause for sounds.)*)
- **Manger with Baby Jesus!** This place isn’t fancy, but this is where a very special baby was born, and He was God’s Son, Jesus! Mary wrapped baby Jesus in cloth and laid Him in a manger. (*Have kids make a motion like holding a baby and say, Jesus is Born!*)

Ok! Now we know all the pictures. We are going to match the pictures to the Gift Box in the correct order, and then put a bow on top, because every gift needs a bow. (Split your group into two groups to allow more kids to participate, or do it as a whole group.)

After the Activity: “God gave us something very special. God loves us so much that **[Bottom Line]** God gave us Jesus. Jesus is the best gift ever! Happy Birthday, Jesus! Say that with me. Happy Birthday, Jesus! **How do we know God loves us?** **[Bottom Line]** God gave us Jesus.”

BEST GIFT ORNAMENT (2's-5's)

("Best Gift Ornament" Activity Page – 1 per child (3/page), "Best Gift Label" -1 per kid (30/pg,) 6 inch String/Yarn 1 per kid, Crayons, hole punch)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Best Gift Ornament" on cardstock and cut one cutout per child. Fold each cutout in half as indicated.



During the Activity: Encourage children to color both sides of their ornament. When they are done coloring have each child add a Jesus is born label to the front of their ornament. And leaders punch a hole at the top and tie a string for each child. *Ornament should be folded so that Baby Jesus and Heart Image are on the inside.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come over here and let's create a super special Christmas ornament."

During the Activity: "We're going to make an ornament today that will help us remember what the very best gift is. Do you remember what the very best gift is? (Pause for responses.) That's right! Jesus is the very best gift! Look! There's baby Jesus on your ornament. Color your picture, and then we will add a label sticker to our ornaments! (While kids are coloring, leaders go around and hole punch and tie the string for the ornament.) Wow! You really made the best gift ornament!"

After the Activity: "Today's true story from the Bible begins when Mary and Joseph traveled a long, long way to the town of Bethlehem and ends when a very special baby was born. That baby was Jesus, and He was God's Son! What a special gift! Jesus is the best gift ever! God loves us so much that [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus! Happy Birthday, Jesus! How do we know God loves us? [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus!"

MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(Memory Verse Motions Poster – 1 per group)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for their efforts.

'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.)

PRAY

"Let's pray together. (Have kids "put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap.")

Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that you gave us Jesus. Jesus is the best gift. Thank you for giving us, Jesus. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY – READ THE STORY

(The Beginner's Bible)

What You Do:

- Open up the Beginner's Bible to today's story (Baby Jesus Is Born, page #271) and read it to your small group.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats and encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.