



WEEK
THREE
DECEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically
designed for older preschoolers



3. SEARCHING FOR THE LETTER "S"

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Letter S Search" Activity Page,
cardstock, and dot markers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Letter S Search" Activity
Page on cardstock, one per child. Place a page at each spot at the table. Set
the dot markers in the center of the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have the children find a spot at the table. Encourage
the children to place their fingers on the "S" in the center of the page. Identify
the letter and its sound. Instruct the children to color all the S's on the page.
Talk about the field scene in the background and how the shepherds were in
the field when the angel appeared with some very big news!

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Make sure each child's name is on their page and set
aside for pick up. Gather all dot markers and put away.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, let's find a spot at the table."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "What letter do you see in the center of the page?
(Pause.) Yes, it's an 'S'! 'S' is for Shepherd. Let's use our dot markers to cover all
the S's you see on the page.

"I see a field on your page. Where were the shepherds on the night Jesus was
born? (Pause.) They were out in the field, watching over their sheep. That's
right! And what happened? (Pause.) Yes! An angel appeared to tell them that
Jesus was born. And then a whole sky full of angels appeared because this was
VERY big news! What did the shepherds do when they heard that Jesus was
born? (Pause.) That's right, they ran to see Baby Jesus because they were so
excited!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "You did a great job finding the S's. 'S' is for
Shepherd! After they saw Baby Jesus, the shepherds told everyone the good
news! They wanted everyone to know that **God gave us Jesus**. And why did
God give us Jesus? Because He loves us! **How do we know God loves us?**
We know because **God gave us Jesus**."

BIBLE STORY

The angels tell about Jesus.
("S" is for Shepherd.)

THE SHEPHERDS
LUKE 2:8-21

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

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal
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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in
your Bible at Isaiah 9:6, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

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SGL: Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God.
(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)

"Since the shepherds told people that **God gave us Jesus**, we'll make a list of
people we can tell that **God gave us Jesus**. When I say your name, tell me one
person you want to tell that **God gave us Jesus**, and I'll write it in our prayer
journal. (Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to
print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"This is a great list of people! Let's use it when we pray. Would anyone like to
pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

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PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, Thank You that we get to hear about how You gave us Jesus.
Help us to tell (read the list the children made) how You gave everyone Jesus
because You love everyone so much. Merry Christmas, God! We love You! In
Jesus' name, amen."

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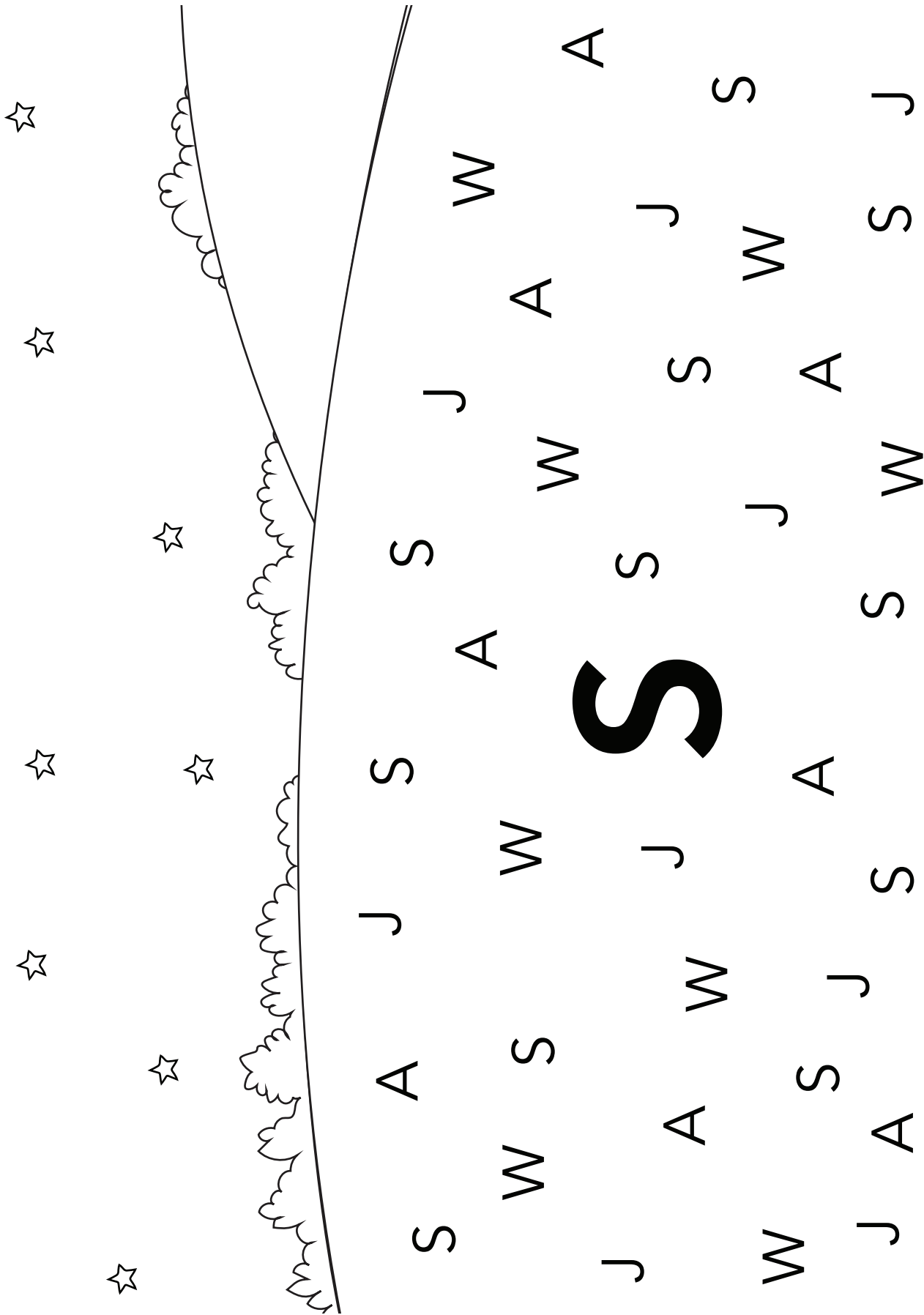
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