



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
DECEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



## BIBLE STORY

The wise men come to see God's Son.  
("W" is for Wise Men.)

**THE WISE MEN**  
**MATTHEW 2:1-2, 9-11**

## 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.

## 2. LETTER BINGO

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Alphabet Bingo" and "Bingo Tiles" Activity Pages; cardstock; scissors; and pom poms or small gift bows

### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Alphabet Bingo" cardstock onto cardstock and cut apart, one bingo card

per child. Copy "Bingo Tiles" on cardstock and cut letters apart, one set per activity. Set a bingo card and a small pile of pom poms or gift bows at each spot at the table.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Point out and review the letters on their bingo cards. Shuffle the letter tiles and place face down on the table in front of you. Draw a letter card and show it to the group. Encourage the children to cover that same letter on their bingo cards with a pom pom or gift bow. The goal is to cover every spot! If time allows, redistribute the cards and play again.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Collect all the bingo cards, letter tiles, pom poms for clean-up.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, find a spot at the table! What letters do you see on the page? I see an 'A' for Angel, a 'J' for Jesus, an 'S' for Shepherd, and a 'W' for Wise Men. I also see some pictures of those things! I will draw a card from this pile and show it to you. I want you to cover that same letter or picture on your card with a pom pom. We'll play until every space is covered."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "That was so fun! You found all the letters and pictures. Way to go, friends. In our Bible story today, we'll hear about the 'W' for Wise Men. Let's go."

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by calling out things that start with A, J, S and W: apple, alligator, airplane, acorn, ant, angel, jump, Jesus, jacks, juice, June, jacket, snake, shoe, shark, scissors, sun, shepherds, water, whale, watch, window, wagon, wise men.



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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal  
application and prayer



## 6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in  
your Bible at Isaiah, journal, fun-shaped pen, and rewards  
stickers or a handstamp

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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.*) I want you to think about the present you would give Jesus if He had a birthday party. If you could give Jesus anything, what would you give Him? Think about it. When I say your name, tell me what birthday present you would give Jesus. Then I will write it beside your name 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 fun list! I think Jesus would really like your gifts! And the BEST gift you could ever give Jesus is to be His friend and love Him the way He loves you. That's why **God gave us Jesus**—to be our friend forever!"

"Let's pray and thank God for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. 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, Jesus is the best gift EVER, because Jesus is the best friend EVER! If we could give Jesus birthday presents, we would give Him things like (*read the list the children made*). But we know what Jesus really wants is for us to be His friend and love Him the way He loves us. I pray every person here will do that one day. You're the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name, amen."

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