



WEEK
THREE
DECEMBER 2022

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. SHEPHERD DIORAMA

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Shepherd Diorama," "Diorama Angels," and "Diorama Label" Activity Pages; cardstock; Avery® #6450 labels or equivalent; Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent; scissors; crayons; cotton balls; raffia; glue sticks; clear tape; and a permanent marker

BIBLE STORY

The shepherds run to Jesus.

THE SHEPHERDS
LUKE 2:8-22

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

God loves me.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Shepherd Diorama" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Copy "Diorama Angels" on Avery® #6450 labels or equivalent, three per child. Copy "Diorama Label" on Avery® #5160 or equivalent, one per child. Write each child's name on the back of their paper. Cut raffia in 1/2-inch pieces.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color their paper, glue sheep in the field, and glue raffia to the manger. Have children add angel stickers in the sky over the shepherds and the stable. Leader folds and tapes the two pieces together. See our Pinterest board for a demonstration. <https://pin.it/rkExDOu>

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come sit at the table with me. (Pause.) I have a fun craft for you to make to remember our Bible story today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we heard the story of when the shepherds were out in the field taking care of their sheep. Use the crayons to color your paper. (Pause.) These cotton balls look like sheep. Glue some to the bottom of your paper. (Pause.) While the shepherds were taking care of the sheep, an angel appeared. Can you find your angel stickers? (Pause.) Put one angel sticker on your paper above the shepherds. (Pause.) The angel said, 'A special baby has been born! He is God's Son! Go find Him in the manger!' Then the sky filled with angels! Add the rest of your angel stickers above the shepherds. (Pause.) They were praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest!'"

"Everyone was so excited about Jesus' birth because Jesus is God's Son! When the angels left, the shepherds ran to see Jesus. Look! There's Baby Jesus in the manger, like the angel said. Baby Jesus was laying in the manger on a bed of hay. Glue some of the hay to your manger. (Pause.) Good job. Now add your label to the bottom of your paper. (Pause.) Let's put your picture all together. (Fold and tape the sides of each child's paper together.) Look at how your picture turned out! Super cool!"



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SHEPHERD DIORAMA, CONTINUED

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "After the shepherds saw Baby Jesus, they knew they needed to tell EVERYONE that Jesus, God's Son, was born! Everyone who heard the good news that Jesus had been born was amazed. They knew Jesus is special because Jesus is God's Son. **Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's Son.**"



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in Bible from previous weeks; journal; and a fun-shaped pen

BIBLE STORY

The shepherds run to Jesus.

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Okay, 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 ran to tell everyone the good news that Jesus had been born, we'll make a list of people who we can tell the good news about Jesus. So when I say your name, tell me one person you can tell about God's Son, Jesus. (Write down what each child says beside their names. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.) Look at all of these people! Way to go!

MEMORY VERSE

"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son."

JOHN 3:16, GNT

"Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

SGL: "Dear God, we want everyone to know that You love us so much that You gave us Your Son, Jesus. Help [child's name] go and tell [name they listed] about Jesus. Help [child's name] go and tell [name they listed] about Jesus. (Continue with each child.) We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

KEY QUESTION

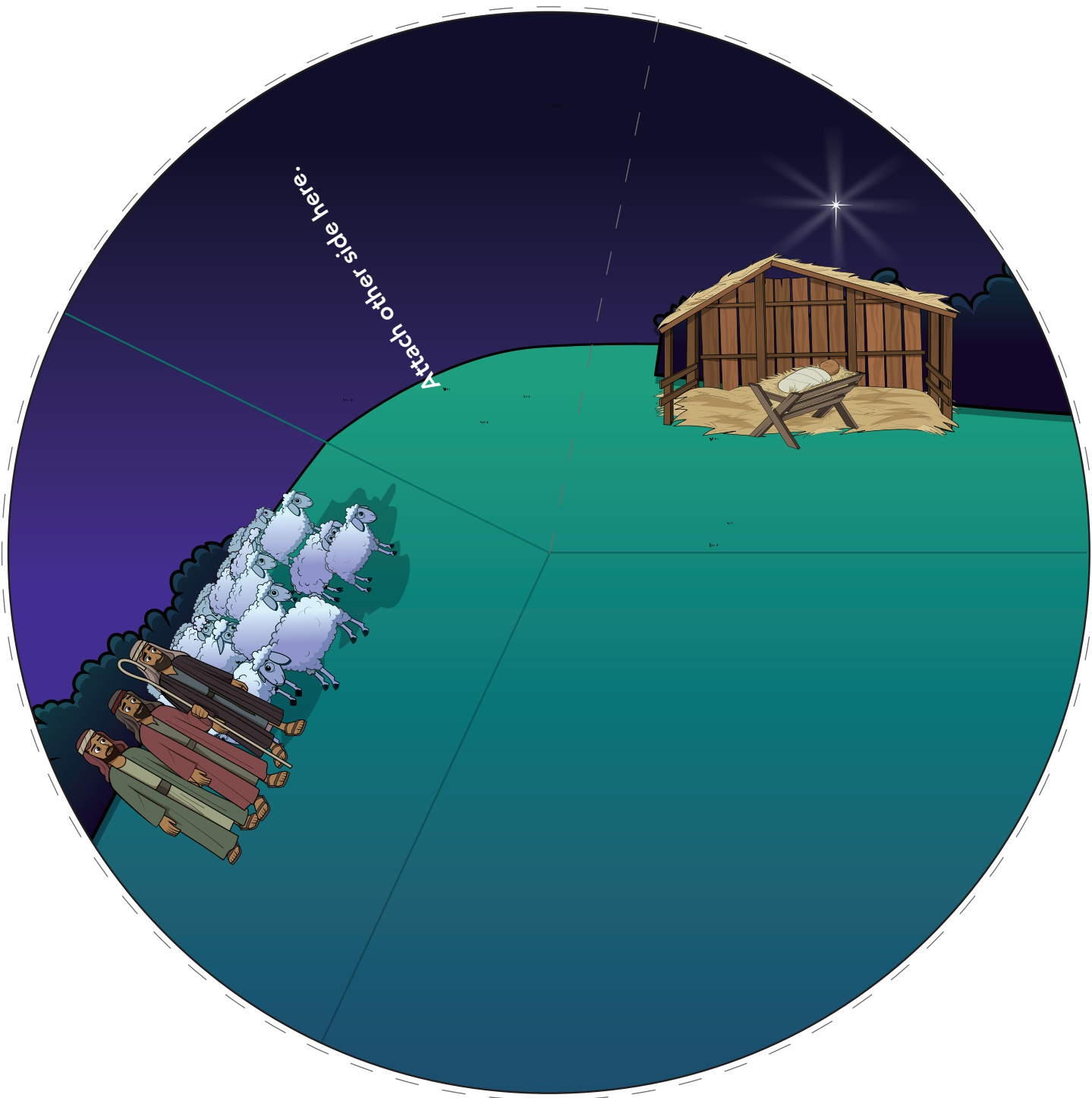
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BOTTOM LINE

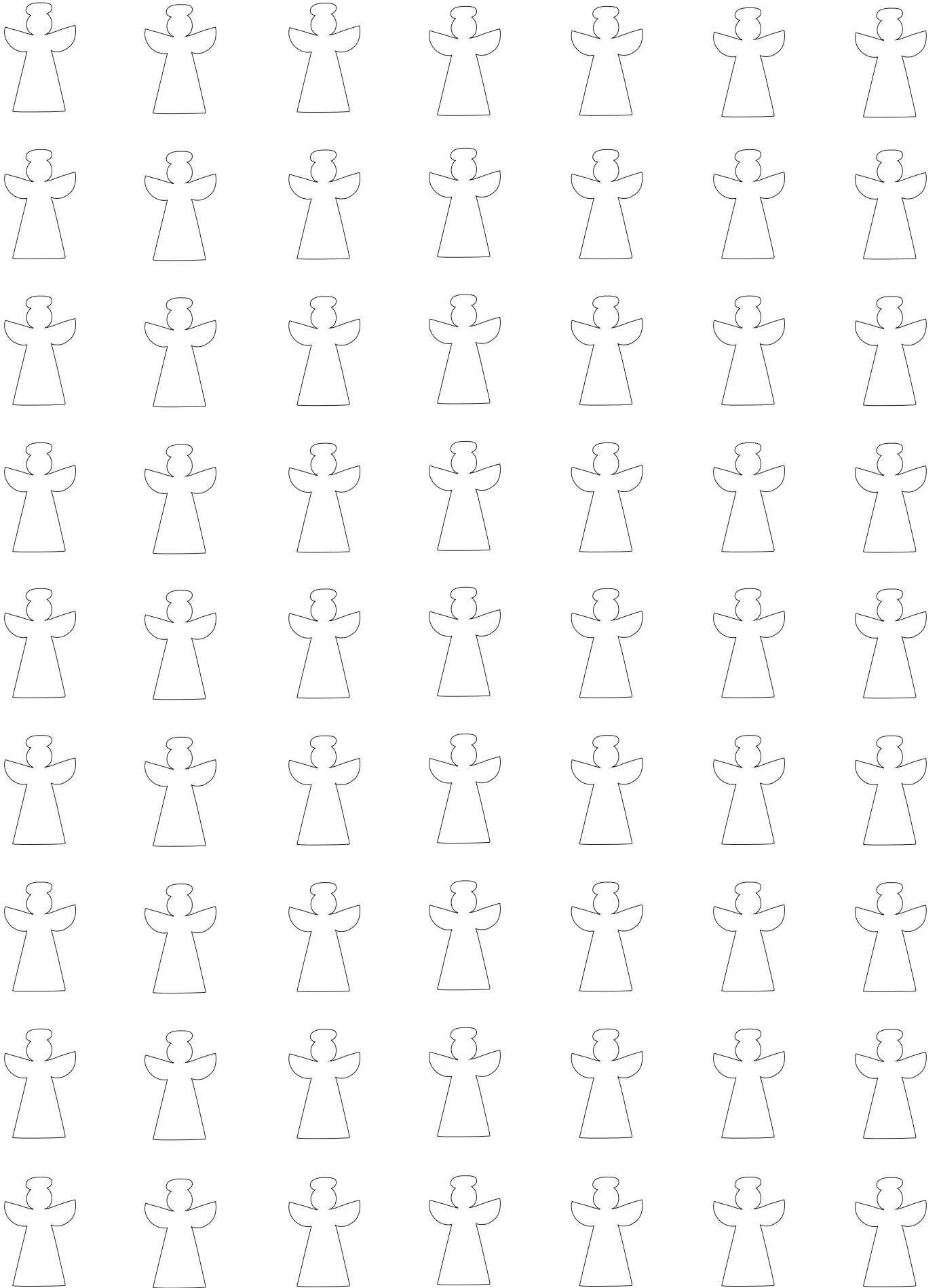
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