



WEEK
TWO
DECEMBER 2023

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. DRAW THE STORY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Draw the Story" Activity Page,
cardstock, and washable markers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Draw the Story" on
cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name at the top of their page. Set
papers at each space and place the markers in the center of the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Point out the three sentences and the boxes on their
page. Read each sentence, one at a time, and encourage the children to draw a
picture in the box to represent that sentence.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit at the table! Today, we learned
about the night Jesus was born! Do you see the words there on the page? I'll read
the words then I want you to draw a picture in each box. You can use the markers
on the table."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone, point to the first sentence at the top.
(Pause.) Great job! It says, 'God sent an angel to Mary with a special message.
She would have a baby, Jesus, God's Son!' Now draw a picture! You can draw
Mary or an angel.

"Now point to the middle part of the page. Do you see the second sentence?
(Pause.) Good! It says, 'Mary and Joseph traveled a long way to Bethlehem. Mary
rode on a donkey!' You can draw Mary riding the donkey.

"Okay, now point to the bottom of the page. This is the last sentence. (Pause.)
It says, 'Mary and Joseph stayed in a stable with animals.' Jesus was born and
Mary placed him in a manger filled with hay. You can draw Jesus in the manger."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Wow! I love your drawings. Good job, friends. God
sent an angel with a special message. Mary would have a baby, God's Son, Jesus!
Mary and Joseph traveled a long way to Bethlehem. Mary rode a donkey. Then
Mary and Joseph stayed in a stable with animals. Jesus was born, and Mary
placed Him in a manger filled with hay! I'm so glad that God loves us so much
that God gave us Jesus! **How do we know God loves us? God gave us
Jesus."**

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is born.

JESUS IS BORN
LUKE 2:1-7

MEMORY VERSE

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

JOHN 3:16, GNT

KEY QUESTION

How do we know
God loves us?

BOTTOM LINE

God gave us Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.



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an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in Bible, journal, and fun-shaped pen

BIBLE STORY

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Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Since Mary and Joseph had to sleep in a room where animals stayed, let's make a list of different places you can sleep. It could be a sleeping bag, airplane, couch, car, hotel, on a beach, or even a barn where animals sleep! When I say your name, tell me one place you can sleep, and I'll write it in our prayer journal." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

MEMORY VERSE

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that he gave his only Son."

JOHN 3:16, GNT

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Look at all the different places we can sleep! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, there are so many different places people can sleep. We can sleep in (*read the list the children made*) or a room where animals stay, like Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus did. Thank You that where we sleep doesn't change how special we are. It didn't change how special Jesus is! Jesus will always be special because Jesus is Your Son! Thank You, God, for giving us Jesus. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

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