

## **LG OVERVIEW**

## **JESUS IS BORN**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Good afternoon/morning, everyone! It's so good to see you today. I can't wait to sing with you today. But first, tell me: **How do we know God loves us?**"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: "God gave us Jesus."

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Yes, that's right! Let's sing some songs all about that special delivery the night Jesus was born."

Lead children in singing "Special Delivery" and "Best Present Ever".

"Yay! What incredible singers you are. How do we know God loves us?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: "God gave us Jesus."

**BIBLE VERSE:** "That's right! **God gave us Jesus.** Remember, our memory verse tells us exactly that. Are you ready to do it with me? (*Pause.*) Let's do it! *God has given a son to us,* Isaiah 9:6." (*Repeat several times.*)

**STORYTELLER:** "Raise your hand if you're excited about Christmas! (*Pause*.) Me too! You can put your hands down. Last week we heard about how the angel came to tell Mary she was going to have a what? Call it out for me. (*Pause as children respond*.) A baby! Exactly! The angel told Mary she would have a baby."

**STORYTELLER:** "Today I want to tell you about what happened next in the Christmas story. You can read all about this story in the Bible. (Hold up Bible.) And remember, if you read it in the Bible, it is TRUE! So, Mary and Joseph had to travel to Joseph's hometown of Bethlehem, and Mary was about to have the baby so they needed to find somewhere to stay and fast. (Pick up the gift box.) Check out this Special Delivery I just received, it's another Christmas present. Maybe this present will give us a clue as to where they stayed. (Open present and pull out the donkey.) A donkey, I'm not sure what that has to do with our story. Let's watch our video and find out more about God's special delivery."

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**STORYTELLER:** "The innkeeper told Mary and Joseph that they could stay the night in his stable with all the animals, like chickens, sheep and even donkeys! And it wasn't long before the whole world—including me and you—received a very special delivery! Jesus was born! God's Son was here! The most amazing, most perfect gift for ALL of us had finally come. Happy birthday, Baby Jesus! Tell me: **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus.**"

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Way to go! You are awesome. God gave us the most amazing gift on that special night that Jesus was born. Let's sing about that special night."

Lead children in singing "Oh What a Special Night."

"Thank you God for baby Jesus! One more time, How do we know God loves us?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: "God gave us Jesus."