

**December
2023**

December Week 1 Large Group Prompts

Countdown

Worship Song #1: *Special Delivery*

Key Question/Bottom Line:

How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!

Monthly Bible Verse:

"God loved the world so much that He gave his only son." John 3:16

Bible Story Intro: PRESENT – Baby doll

Do you know what holiday is coming up?! It's Christmas! All month long we are going to be talking about the super amazing special gift God sent us to show us how much he loves us! But first, I want to ask you a question. Do you like presents? Well before church today the Christmas train arrived with a special present. Do you notice one anywhere on my stage??? Should we open it? [Open present]. It's a baby! I wonder what a baby has to do with our true story today? Let's find out!

Ollie Video: *Mary and the Angel*

Bible Story Recap

God sent an angel to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby. And who was that very special baby? Jesus! That's right! God loved me and you and you and you SO much that he sent his son Jesus to be our friend forever! Jesus was the best present ever!

Friends, how do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!

Sample Prayer:

*Dear God,
Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.
He was the best present ever.
I love you, God.
Amen.*

Worship Song #2: *Best Present Ever*

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December Week 2 Large Group Prompts

Countdown

Worship Song #1: *Best Present Ever*

Key Question/Bottom Line:

How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!

Monthly Bible Verse:

"God loved the world so much that He gave his only son." John 3:16

Bible Story Intro: PRESENT – Donkey

Friends, last week we started our Christmas story out with a present. [Open present 1 and pull out the baby.] God sent an angel to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby! And look what I have here...another present that arrived on the Christmas train for us to open! I wonder what it could be. [Open present 2]. Hee Haw! A donkey! What in the world could this be for? Let's check out our true Bible story and see!

Ollie Video: Jesus is born

Bible Story Recap:

Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem on a donkey like this one! When they got there, Mary had the baby. And they named him Jesus! God sent Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus is so very special.

Friends, How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!

Sample Prayer:

*Dear God,
Thank you for Jesus.
I am so thankful he was born.
I love you, God.
Amen.*

Worship Song #2: *Oh, What a Special Night*

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December Week 3 Large Group Prompts

Countdown

Worship Song #1: *Oh, What a Special Night*

Key Question/Bottom Line:

How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!

Monthly Bible Verse:

"God loved the world so much that He gave his only son." John 3:16

Bible Story Intro: PRESENT – Sheep

Friends, all month long we have been talking about Christmas! And we have been opening presents together that arrived on the Christmas Train! Do you remember what presents we have opened so far? Week 1 we got....a baby! An angel told Mary that she was going to have a baby and he would be God's son! Week 2 we got....a donkey! Mary and Joseph rode to Bethlehem on a donkey. When they got there Mary gave birth to a baby and named him Jesus. I wonder what is in our present today? [Open present.] Baaaaa! A sheep! Let's see where the sheep comes into our story!"

Ollie Video: *The Shepherds*

Bible Story Recap:

When baby Jesus was born, the first people that God told were the shepherds. And do you remember what they did? They RAN to see Jesus! And then afterwards they RAN to tell EVERYBODY that Jesus Christ was born! Wow! Those shepherds must have known that answer to this question –

Friends, How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!

Sample Prayer:

*Dear God,
Thank you for sending us Jesus.
Help me to run and tell everyone I know about his love!
I love you, God.
Amen.*

Worship Song #2: *Best Present Ever*

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Christmas Eve Services Large Group Prompts

Countdown

Worship Song #1: *Special Delivery*

Optional Bonus Worship Song: *Oh What a Special Night*

Key Question/Bottom Line:

How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!

Monthly Bible Verse:

"God loved the world so much that He gave his only son." John 3:16

Bible Story Intro:

Friends, today is a party! We are celebrating Jesus' birthday! And do you know what we need for a party? PRESENTS! A new present has arrived on the Christmas train every week! Do you remember what they've been? Let's see. The first week we got a....baby! An angel told Mary that she was going to have a baby and he would be God's son! Week 2 we got....a donkey! Mary and Joseph rode to Bethlehem on a donkey. When they got there Mary gave birth to a baby and named him Jesus. Week 3 we got...a sheep! The angels told the shepherds that Jesus was born and they ran to see him and then ran to tell everyone the good news. I wonder what is in our present today? Well...you are going to have to wait until AFTER our special Christmas story to find out!

Ollie Video: *Happy Birthday, Jesus!*

Bible Story Recap: PRESENT – Birthday cake

Should we open our present? [Open present] It's a birthday cake for Jesus! How special! Let's sing Happy Birthday to Jesus! [Lead group in singing Happy Birthday to Jesus.]

Friends, God loves us so much that he sent his son Jesus. Jesus is the best present ever because he is so special. Tell me one more time...

Friends, How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!

Sample Prayer:

*Dear God,
Thank you for the gift of your son Jesus. He was the best present ever.
I love you, God.
Amen.*

Worship Song #2: *Best Present Ever*



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John 3:16