

December Week 1

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Show & Tell

Nov 30-Dec 1

CRAFT WEEK 1

Megaphone Message

SUPPLIES: Megaphone Cutout, Christmas stickers, crayons, tape

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Give each child a megaphone cutout and crayons.**

- *"Friends, we're learning an awesome Memory Verse this month about Jesus! Let's say it together as we do the motions. Ready? 'God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) has given (pretend to give a gift) a son (rock baby) to us,' (point to self twice) Isaiah 9:6. (Open hands like a book.) What a great verse!"*
- *"Let's make a megaphone so we can share the good news about the gift God gave us when He gave us Jesus! You can color it and add stickers to decorate it."*

⇒ **Once the children have finished decorating their megaphone, roll them up and tape them.**

- *"We can roll up our papers like this. (Demonstrate.) Let's tape it so it stays just like this. On the side of your megaphone, it has the words to our Memory Verse on it. Let's say our verse together. 'God has given a son to us,' Isaiah 9:6."*
- *"Your megaphones look great! Hold your megaphone up to your mouth, and let's say our verse one more time. 'God has given a son to us.' Isaiah 9:6. Great job!"*

⇒ **Review the story and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"In our true Bible story today, it wasn't a megaphone that had a message to share. Who had a special message for Mary? (Pause.) An angel! The angel told Mary she was going to have a baby and it was going to be very special."*
- ***Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's Son!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

Message for Mary

SUPPLIES: Envelope with small story images inside

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather the children. Pass the envelope and invite each child to take a story image from the envelope.**

- *“Come sit with me, friends! I have some special messages in this envelope that we’re going to use to tell our story. When I pass the envelope, take one card out and hold on to it.*
- *Everyone show me your messages. (Pause.) I see an angel and Mary and baby Jesus and a heart! Hearts make me think of love. Get ready to show me your message when I say the words ANGEL, MARY, BABY JESUS, or LOVE as we review our story. Here we go!”*

⇒ **Encourage children to hold up the cards as you read the story.**

- *“God sent an ANGEL (hold up angel) to tell MARY (hold up Mary) a very special message. Show me your angel and Mary if you have them. (Pause.) Good job! Okay, you can put your messages down. The ANGEL (hold up angel) told MARY (hold up Mary) that she was going to have God’s Son, JESUS! (Hold up baby Jesus.) Show me the angel, Mary, and baby Jesus if you have them. (Pause.) Yay! You can put your messages down. God LOVES (hold up heart) us so much, He gave us His Son, JESUS! (Hold up baby Jesus.) Hold up your heart and baby Jesus if you have them. (Pause.) Yay! God loved (hold up heart) us so much, He gave us Jesus (hold up baby Jesus)! And Jesus is special, because Jesus is God’s Son. Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God’s Son! That was fun!*

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“God sent an angel to tell Mary she was going to have God’s Son, Jesus! That’s why Jesus is so special, because Jesus is God’s Son!*
- ***Why is Jesus Special? Jesus is God’s Son!***

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ACTIVITY #2

Look and Find Bows

SUPPLIES: Gift Bows in box

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *"In our Bible story today, we learned about a very special baby who was going to be born! Jesus was the most special present ever because Jesus is God's Son!"*
- *Look at all these bows I have! Where do we put bows? Right! On presents! These bows will help us remember that Jesus was the best present ever."*

⇒ **Scatter the bows around the room.**

- *"Let's find the bows and see if we can find them all! Bring them back to me!"*

⇒ **Have children collect all the bows.**

- *"Great work, everybody! You found all the bows.*
- ***Why is Jesus Special?***
- ***Jesus is God's Son!"***

⇒ **Let the children play as long as they are interested.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"God gave the most special present in His Son Jesus!"*
- ***Why is Jesus Special? Jesus is God's Son!***



Please keep the gift
box with bows all
month

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READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY December Week 1

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY – Keep all month

- *Christmas in the Manger* by Nola Buck & Felicia Bond

ASK A QUESTION

Why is Jesus special?

Jesus is God's Son!

SAY A PRAYER

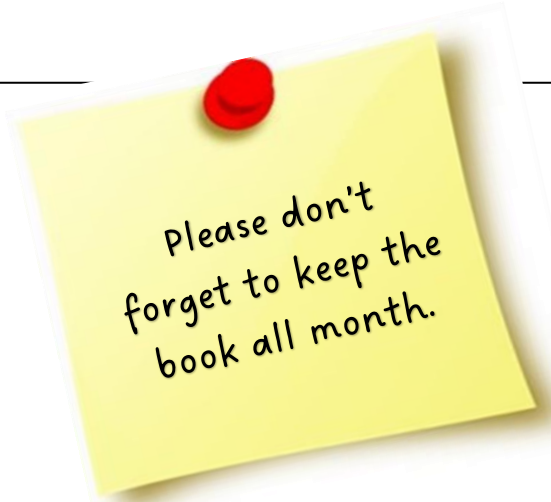
Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.



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forget to keep the
book all month.