

## CRAFT WEEK 2

### *Special Gift*

**SUPPLIES:** Gift cutout, stickers, crayons, small gift bow

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather the children at a table and practice the memory verse.**
- *“Friends, come sit with me, and let’s say our verse as we do the motions. Ready? ‘**God** (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) **loved the world so much** (cross arms over chest) **that he gave his only Son,**’ (rock arms like a baby) **John 3:16.** (Open hands like a book.) That was great! Now let’s sit down at the table to make something special!”*
- ⇒ **Give each child a gift cutout, stickers, and crayons and encourage them to color the picture of Jesus and the picture flaps.**
- *“Look! It’s a gift! Decorate the outside of your gift with the markers, stickers, and stamps. While you are decorating, let’s say the words to our verse. (With children.) ‘**God** loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,’ John 3:16. Great job saying the verse with me. Wow! These gifts look so wonderfully special! But wait, open your gift and see what’s inside. (Pause.) It’s Jesus! Hooray! Jesus is the most wonderfully special gift because God gave us Jesus! Decorate the inside of your gift too. (Pause.) Now close your present and let’s say our verse one more time with the motions. ‘**God** (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) **loved the world so much** (cross arms over chest) **that he gave his only Son,**’ (rock arms like a baby) **John 3:16.** (Open hands like a book.) Nice job.”*
- ⇒ **Give each child a small bow to put on top of the present.**
- Review the story and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
- *“Let’s finish this up by putting a bow on top of it! The Bible teaches us that a very special baby was born, and He was God’s Son, Jesus! Happy Birthday, Jesus! Jesus is the best gift ever! God loves us so much that **God gave us Jesus.***
  - *“**How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!**”*

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Nativity Look and Find*

**SUPPLIES:** Nativity Play Set

### What You DO and SAY:

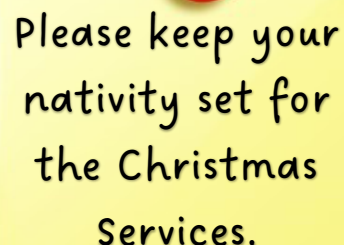
⇒ **Hide the nativity play set pieces around the room. Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *“In our Bible story today, Mary and Joseph had to travel a long way to the town of Bethlehem where baby Jesus was born. I took our nativity set and hid the pieces around the room. Everyone go find a piece and help it travel all the way to the stable for Jesus’ birth!”*

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

- *“Great work, everybody! You found all the pieces of our nativity set. And here’s the most special piece, Jesus.*
- ***How do we know God loves us?***
- ***God gave us Jesus!”***

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**



Please keep your  
nativity set for  
the Christmas  
Services.

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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 God gave us Jesus!"*
- *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."*
- ***How do we know God loves us?***
- ***God gave us Jesus!"***

⇒ **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!"*
- ***How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!***



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gift box with  
bows all  
month.

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# ACTIVITY #3

## *Memory Verse*

**SUPPLIES:** Award Stickers

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
  - *"Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!"*
- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
  - *"First, let's say it once together."*
  - **'God** (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) **loved the world so much** (cross arms over chest) **that he gave his only Son,** (rock arms like a baby) **John 3:16.** (Open hands like a book.)
    - *Now let's try it...*
      - *Super loud*
      - *Super quiet*
      - *Really fast*
      - *Really Slow*
      - *Jumping up and down*
      - *Running in Place*
      - *All the boys*
      - *All the girls*
      - *Kids only*
      - *Teachers only*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *"Nice work, my friends! God loved us so much that He gave His son!"*
  - ***How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!***

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## READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY

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## PASS OUT MOON SAND

### READ

- *J is for Jesus* by Crystal Bowman

### REVIEW (You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
  - ***How do we know God loves us?***
  - ***God gave us Jesus!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
  - ***“God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son.”***  
**John 3:16**

## CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ “In our Bible Story, God gave us the best gift – His Son, JESUS! That is why we give gifts to each other at Christmas. We give to others the way God gave to us. When I say your name, tell me **one gift you want to give this Christmas**.
  - *Write each child’s name on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Let’s use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let’s fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
  - *“Dear God, Thank You for giving us the best gift, JESUS! We know you love us because You gave us Your Son, Jesus. Please help us give to others the way You give to us, so people will know we love them too. We want to give gifts like (read the list the children made) to remember your gift to us. You are the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*