

DECEMBER 28, 2025

1ST-3RD GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL

UNWRAPPED WEEK 4: THE SAVIOR

VIDEO GAME:

Christmas Closeups

It is in the "Sunday School Videos" album and the date is in the comments.

GAME:

ITEMS NEEDED:

Prepared statements

I've been to a foreign country.

I can speak another language.

Someone in my family speaks another language.

We have a family tradition.

I am an only child.

I am the oldest child in my family.

I am the youngest child in my family.

I am the middle child in my family.

I don't live with my biological parents.

I can play a musical instrument.

I play one or more sports.

INSTRUCTIONS:

As you read each statement, have those that have done or do what is stated to stand up. If they are comfortable, have them share.

WHAT'S THE POINT:

God loves everyone. Sometimes we may think we're different from those around us, but this game can show just how much we may have in common with others.

LESSON: God loves us all!

Have you ever felt out of place? Have you ever felt that you were different from everyone else? Maybe you have a different hair color than your friends. Maybe you struggle in school and your friends are on the honor roll. Maybe you're a new student and haven't made any friends yet. Maybe your cultural background is different from anyone you know. There are many different reasons we might feel different. Sometimes it's nice to stand out, but sometimes it's painful to feel you don't fit in.

Our differences are proof that God makes us all unique. He loves us all the same. Throughout life we will have people who try to make us feel bad because of our differences, but we can be confident that God loves us for who we are, and Jesus came to earth for every one of us.

READ LUKE 2:8-10, MATTHEW 2:1-2

Jesus' first visitors were not your average people. In that day, shepherds were not people you'd expect to be invited to an important event, yet they were the first people, other than Mary and Joseph, to see the Messiah. They were invited by an angel and led there by a miraculous light. What an honor!

The next group of people who were mentioned as Jesus' visitors were the three Magi. These men were from a different country with different customs. They were considered kings in their country and of high social status. They were a different class than the shepherds, but they were strangers to the Israelites. Even so, they were invited to celebrate the birth of the Messiah as well.

Why do you think the shepherds and three Magi were the first visitors of Jesus? The diversity of these two groups of people show just how much God loves us all. It doesn't matter where we're from or what we do or how we look. God created us all and loves us all the same.

Next time someone gives you a hard time for being different, just remember that Jesus' first visitors were considered different as well. God chose them to make an important mark in history. God will use our differences to change lives, if we let Him. Jesus came to earth for every single person, no matter who they are.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Who were Jesus' first visitors?
2. How did they know about Jesus?
3. Who else came to see baby Jesus?
4. What was special about those visitors?
5. What direction did the three Magi come from?

Close in prayer.

MEMORY VERSE:

THIS WEEK: "Give praise to the Lord, the God of Israel! He has come to his people and purchased their freedom." Luke 1:68 (NirV)

If they memorize the verse, they can get a ping pong ball to put in the BLUE BOX in the hallway.