

SOCIAL 2/3

# Good Gifts

## What You Need

- ☐ Butcher paper
- ☐ Gift bows
- ☐ Washable markers in the same colors as the gift bows



## ① What You Do

### Before the Activity

1. Lay the butcher paper on the table.
2. Use the markers to draw squares of different colors and sizes, multiple squares per child.
3. Scatter the bows on the table.

### During the Activity

1. Encourage children to match the bows to the color of the squares (gifts) and add the bow to the top of the gift.
2. Once all the bows have been matched, reset and repeat.

### After the Activity

Introduce the Bible Story.

## ② What You Say

### Before the Activity

"Friends, come to the table and look at these squares. **(Pause.)** They're all different colors and sizes! I see red, blue, and green. These squares remind me of gift boxes, but they are missing something ... gift bows!"

### During the Activity

"Let's try to match the gift bows to the gift of the same color. **(Pause.)** Wow, great job! You matched the red bow to the red box! These are good gifts you are decorating. Keep going, let's match all the bows. **(Pause.)** Yay! You did it!" **(Reset and repeat.)**

### After the Activity

"Wow, look at all our beautiful gifts, you all did such a great job matching the bows to the gifts. In our true story from the Bible, we're going to learn about the very best gift. Are you ready? Let's go!"

**Transition →** Move to Worship and Story by calling them by name and saying, "[*Child's name*], Jesus loves you."

2 Year-Olds

Small Group

December — Week 2

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# Special Gift

Memory Verse Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

## What You Need

- ☐ "Special Gift" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Crayons, washable markers, or dot markers
- ☐ Stickers
- ☐ Washable self-inking stamps
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Permanent marker

## Inclusive Optional Supplies

- ☐ Adaptive crayons

## Note

You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

## Inclusive Pro Tips

Offer adaptive crayons.



## ① What You Do

### Before the Activity

1. Copy "Special Gift" on cardstock and cut one per child.
2. Fold each child's paper and write their name.
3. Say the Memory Verse and do the motions with the children.

### During the Activity

1. Encourage children to decorate the outside of their gift and say the verse together.
2. Then ask children to open the gift and color the baby Jesus.
3. When complete, say the verse as you do the motions together.

### After the Activity

Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

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GROUPS 1/4

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## ② What You Say

### Before the Activity

"Friends, come stand 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!"

### During the Activity

"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."

### After the Activity

"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 [**Bottom Line**] God gave us Jesus. How do we know God loves us? [**Bottom Line**] God gave us Jesus."

### Inclusive Pro Tips

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GROUPS 3/4

# Birthday Jump

Application Activity

## Faith Skills

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## What You Need

☐ Painter's tape

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## Inclusive Pro Tips

In place of "walk" and "jump," say, "Move."

## ① What You Do

### Before the Activity

1. Create a large square on the floor with tape.

### During the Activity

1. Encourage children to walk the square along the tape line and when prompted, jump into the square.

### After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

## ② What You Say

### Before the Activity

"Friends do you see this really big square on the floor? I think we should pretend that it is a really big gift box. Maybe it's a birthday present. Everyone, come stand on the lines. We are going to walk around the square and when I say 'Happy Birthday Jesus,' you jump into the box."

### During the Activity

"Let's walk! **(Pause.)** Happy Birthday, Jesus! Jump in the box! **(Pause.)** Great job. Hey, I have a question. How do we know God loves us? Because **[Bottom Line]** God gave us Jesus. Jesus is the best gift! Go back the tape line and let's do it again. **(Repeat as desired.)** That was so fun."

### After the Activity

"Today in our Bible Story, we learned that Jesus was born and is the best gift ever! God loves us so much that God gave us Jesus! How do we know God loves us? **[Bottom Line]** God gave us Jesus!"