

SOCIAL 1/3

Star Parade

What You Need

- ☐ Yellow star cutout
- ☐ Ruler or paint stir stick
- ☐ Masking tape

Inclusive Optional Supplies

- ☐ Stroller or wagon



Inclusive Pro Tips

Allow children who are not ready to walk independently to be pushed in a stroller or wagon while holding the star.

① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Tape the star cutout to the end of the ruler/paint stir stick.

During the Activity

1. Hold up the star wand and ask the children to follow the star as you walk around the room.
2. Encourage children to take turns leading the Star Parade.
3. Continue until all children have had a turn.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Today we're going to have a Star Parade! (**Hold up the star wand.**) Line up behind me."

During the Activity

"Follow me and let's march! (**Hold the star up high and start marching around the room.**) Look at you following the star! Great job! It's fun to be the leader of the star parade too! [**Child's name**] it's your turn to hold the star and lead us. (**Continue until all kids have had a turn.**) You all did a great job marching in our Star Parade and following the star!"

After the Activity

"You all did a great job marching in our Star Parade and following the star! Today in our Bible Story, we'll hear about some wise men who followed a star to find a special gift. Let's go!"

Transition → Move to Worship and Story by carrying the star wand and encouraging the children to continue following the star.

SOCIAL 3/3

Big Star

What You Need

- ☐ Painter's tape
- ☐ Yellow pom-poms

Inclusive Optional Supplies

- ☐ Broom



Inclusive Pro Tips

Provide a broom for children to use if they are unable to bend down and pick up the pom-poms.

① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Create a large star on the floor with tape.
2. Scatter pom-poms all over the floor around the star.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to move all the yellow pom-poms inside the star.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Come look at this big star. And all these yellow pom-poms, they look like little stars. Let's play a game to get all the little stars into the great big one."

During the Activity

"Ready, set, go! (**Pause.**) Wow, great job. We are filling up the star and look how big and bright it looks now. Look around, did we get all the little stars in the big one? (**Pause.**) Get those last pom-poms and then we'll spread them all around and play again!"

After the Activity

"Look at our star, its big and bright. In our Bible Story today, we're going to hear about a really bright, really special star. Let's go hear all about it!"

Transition → Move to Worship and Story by giving each child a high five and saying "[**Child's name**] you did great!"

GROUPS 1/4

Follow the Star

Memory Verse Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "Memory Verse Sticker" Activity Page
- ☐ Avery® Labels #22830 or equivalent
- ☐ 3-inch to 4-inch foam star
- ☐ Painter's tape

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.



① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Memory Verse Sticker" on label paper, one sticker per child.
2. Tape the star shape to the wall.
3. Make a tape line from one side of the room to the star on the wall.
4. Say the Memory Verse and do the motions together with the children.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to follow the tape line to the star and then say their Memory Verse.
2. Give each child a Memory Verse sticker.

After the Activity

Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends let's say our Memory Verse together as we do 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.*) Great job! Now come line up with me at the tape line."

During the Activity

"Do you see that star? Let's see if we can follow the line to the star. Friends walk very slowly and follow the line. Where is it taking us? (*Pause for responses.*) That's right! To the star. We made it to the star now let's say our verse together. 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,' John 3:16. We did it! Here is a special sticker for you. (*Give each child a sticker.*) Yay!"

After the Activity

"In today's Bible Story we heard how the wise men followed a special star to see Jesus. They knew Jesus was special. How do we know God loves us? [*Bottom Line*] God gave us Jesus!"

GROUPS 4/4

Special Star

Application Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "Special Star" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Yellow washable ink pads
- ☐ Washable markers
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Permanent marker

Inclusive Optional Supplies

- ☐ Gloves



Inclusive Pro Tips

Provide gloves for child to wear if they are sensitive to the texture of the ink on their hand.

① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Special Star" on cardstock and cut, one per child.
2. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to color their story picture.
2. Then ask children to fill the star by dipping their fingerprints on the ink pads and pressing it on the star outline on their paper.
3. Repeat until the star is filled.
4. Clean hands as needed.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Everyone come over and let's create some story art to help us remember today's true story from the Bible."

During the Activity

"Look at your paper. The wise men are on their way to see someone very special, they're going to see Jesus! Color your paper but not the big star. **(Pause.)** Okay, now for that big, special star! Dip your finger onto the ink pad then press it on your paper inside the star. Keep going until the star is full! **(Help as needed.)** That is a very special star! **(Clean hands as needed.)** God put a special star in the sky to show them the way. The wise men followed the star until it stopped over a house, Jesus' house! When the wise men saw Jesus, they bowed down. They worshipped Jesus and gave Him very special gifts."

After the Activity

"The wise men followed a special star to Jesus and when they saw Him, they worshiped Him. We can worship Jesus too! God loves us so much because **[Bottom Line]** God gave us Jesus. How do we know God loves us? **[Bottom Line]** God gave us Jesus."