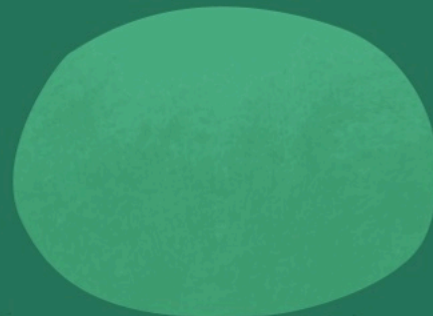
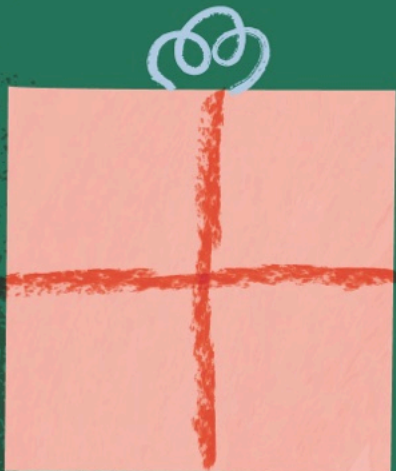




# Week 1

The Angel and Mary Luke

1:26-33,38



“Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and I can’t wait to tell you a true story from the Bible. It is in the book of Luke. The true story of Christmas begins with God’s love for us.”





“Do you know that God loves you? He does!  
Give yourself a big hug! (*Hug yourself.*) God  
loved you even before you were born! And  
because God loves you and God loves me SO  
much, God gave us Jesus to be our friend  
forever!”





“It all started a long time ago when God sent a special message to a young woman named Mary. Now, how do you think God sent this special message to Mary?

Do you think God sent the special message with a letter in the mail? (*Shake your head ‘no.’*) No. Do you think God sent the special message with a video call? (*Shake your head ‘no.’*) No! God sent the message in an even more amazing way. God sent an angel!”





“Whoa! Look at Mary’s face. How do you think Mary felt when she saw the angel? Mary was afraid. Everyone, show me your afraid face. (*Make an afraid face.*) Yes, Mary was afraid! But the angel said, “Do not be afraid, Mary.” (Luke 1:30 NIV) Can you say that with me?”

**Everyone:** “Do not be afraid, Mary.”

“The angel had a very special message to tell Mary, and it was GREAT news!”





“The angel told Mary that she was going to have a baby. The angel said: “The baby will be God’s Son, and you will call him Jesus.” That was great news! God loves us so much He gave us His Son Jesus. How do we know God loves us?”

**Everyone:** “God gave us Jesus!”

“Yes, God gave us Jesus, and that is what we celebrate at Christmas. God gave us Jesus. Our story time is over, but we’re not through. Let’s talk to God because God loves you!”



# Prayer Time

**Journal Prompt:** Since the angel told Mary that [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus, let's make a list of people we can tell that [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus! Then we can use the list when we pray. When I say your name, tell me one person you can tell [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus, and I will write it in our journal. *(Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

**Quiet Time Leader Prayer:** *(Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.)*

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

**Leader Prayer:** "Look at all the people we can tell that God gave us Jesus! *(Hold up journal.)* Let's pray and talk to God about them. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? *(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)* Dear God, Thank You for the true story of Christmas, about how You loved the world so much You gave us Your Son, Jesus. Wow! That's a lot of love! Please help [child's name] tell *(person they listed)* that God gave us Jesus and [child's name] tell *(person they listed)* that God gave us Jesus and [child's name] tell... *(continue saying this with each child)*. We love You, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."

# Journal Free Space





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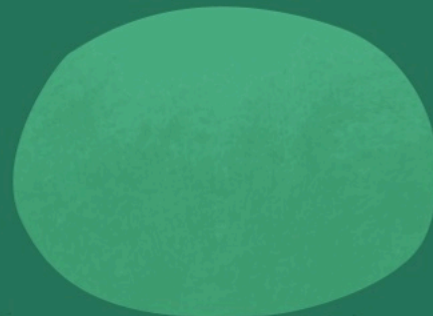
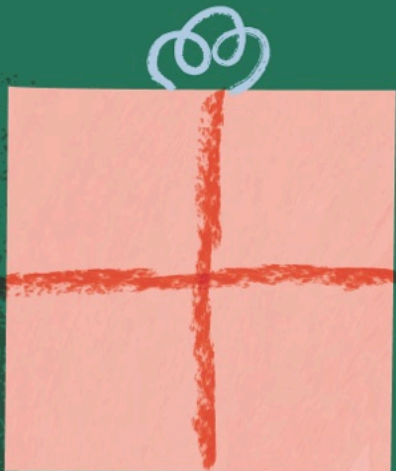




## Week 2

Jesus is Born

Luke 2:1-7





“Hello, friends! I’m [*your name*], and I can’t wait to tell you a true story from the Bible. Today’s true story from the Bible is found in the book of Luke, and it begins with Mary and Joseph.”





“Mary and Joseph loved God. They were part of God’s people. One day, Mary and Joseph had to go to a town called Bethlehem, but they had to travel a LONG way to get there. And Mary was going to have a baby!”





“Mary and Joseph probably walked all the way to Bethlehem. Or maybe Mary rode on an animal—like a donkey! Once Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, they stayed in a place that had a manger. A manger is a box that animals eat out of. So, that means Mary and Joseph stayed in a place that might have had some animals.”







"Look at this picture. Do you see any animals? (*Point to the chicken in the Story Image.*) I see a chicken. Can you cluck like a chicken?"

**Everyone:** "Cluck, cluck, cluck. Cluck, cluck, cluck."

"Do you see a donkey? (*Point to the donkey in the Story Image.*) There it is. Can you hee-haw like a donkey?"

**Everyone:** "Hee-haw. Hee-haw. Hee-haw."

"I also see a sheep. (*Point to the sheep in the Story Image.*) Can you baa like a sheep?"

**Everyone:** "Baa. Baa. Baa."

"Wow! You are so good at making animal sounds. Mary and Joseph didn't stay some place fancy, but that didn't matter. God gave us something very special there. A very special baby was born there, and that baby was God's Son, Jesus! Jesus was born! Everyone, say "Happy Birthday, Jesus!"

**Everyone:** "Happy Birthday, Jesus!"

"Let's pretend we're holding baby Jesus. (*Rock arms like you're holding a baby.*) The Bible teaches us that: "Mary took baby Jesus in her arms, wrapped Him in strips of cloth, and laid Him in a manger. Wow! Jesus is the best gift ever because He shows us how much God loves us. God loves us SO much that God gave us Jesus. Tell me: How do we know God loves us?"

**Everyone:** "God gave us Jesus!"

"Yes, God gave us Jesus. Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

# Prayer Time

**Journal Prompt:** Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) 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. Let's make a list in our journal of gifts we want to give other people for Christmas. Then we can use the list when we pray. When I say your name, tell me one gift you would like to give someone at Christmas, and I will write it in our journal." (*Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

**Quiet Time Leader Prayer:** (*Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.*)

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

**Leader Prayer:** "These are some wonderful gifts! (*Hold up journal.*) Let's pray and talk to God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) 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. [*Child's name*] wants to give a (*what they listed*). [*Child's name*] wants to give a (*what they listed*). [*Child's name*] wants... (*continue saying this for each child*) You are the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name. Amen."



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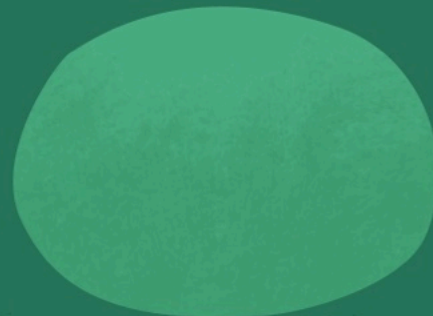
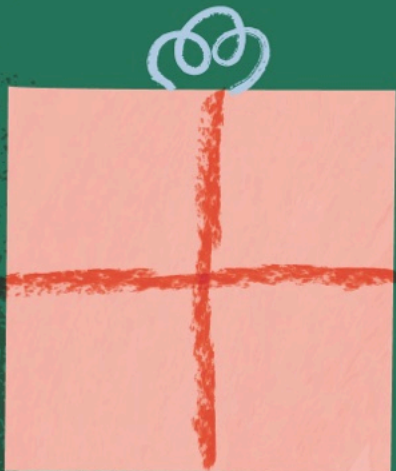






# Week 3

## The Shepherds Luke 2:8-20



“I can’t wait to tell you a true story from the Bible. Today’s true story is found in the book of Luke, and it begins with shepherds. Do you know what shepherds take care of? (*Listen.*) Shepherds take care of sheep. But not just one sheep! Shepherds take care of a lot of sheep. Let’s pretend we are sheep. Everyone, say, “Baa!”

**Everyone:** “Baa! Baa! Baa!”

“Good baa-ing! Now, I need you to listen carefully, because I’ve got something special to tell you.”





“One night, there were some shepherds watching their sheep. They were in the fields outside the town of Bethlehem. *(With quiet excitement, like you are telling a secret.)* The shepherds didn’t know it yet, but God’s Son, Jesus, was born! God wanted EVERYONE to know about it. So, God sent a very special messenger to the shepherds. God sent an angel!”





“The shepherds were so surprised ... and afraid! Can you make an afraid face? (*Make an afraid face.*) Yes, the shepherds were afraid! But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people.” The angel told them that Jesus had been born and that the shepherds would find Him in a manger.”





"Then, even more angels appeared. The angels praised God and said:

"Glory to God in the highest!" Let's say that together. Ready?"

**Everyone:** "Glory to God in the highest!"

"Great job! The angels praised God because Jesus was born. God gave us Jesus! After the angels left, the shepherds were so excited that they ran to find baby Jesus. Let's pretend to be the shepherds and run in place to find baby Jesus. (*Hold up your fingers as you count.*)

One ... two ... three ... stand up and run in place! (*Lead children to run in place.*) Whew! It's time to sit. (*Hold up your fingers as you count.*) One ... two ... three ... sit down with me! Let's see what happens next."





“The shepherds ran to find baby Jesus, and just like the angel said, the shepherds found baby Jesus in a manger. They were so happy the shepherds told EVERYONE that Jesus, God’s Son, was born! Everyone who heard the good news about Jesus was amazed, and the shepherds praised God. Friends, God loves you and God loves me so much that God gave us Jesus. How do we know God loves us?”

**Everyone:** “God gave us Jesus!”

“Yes, God gave us Jesus. Our story time is over, but we’re not through. Let’s talk to God because God loves you!”



# Prayer Time

**Journal Prompt:** Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) In our Bible Story, the shepherds ran to see baby Jesus, and they found Jesus lying in a manger, right where the angel said Jesus would be. I wonder what the shepherds said to baby Jesus. "Hey! That gives me an idea! Let's write in our prayer journal what we would tell baby Jesus if we saw Him lying in a manger, like the shepherds did. Then we can use the list when we pray. When I say your name, tell me what you would tell baby Jesus if you saw Him lying in a manger, and I will write it in our journal. (*Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

**Quiet Time Leader Prayer:** (*Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.*)

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

**Leader Prayer:** "This is so special! (*Hold up journal.*) Let's pray and talk to God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, Thank You that we got to hear more about the true story of Christmas and how You gave us Your Son, Jesus. If we were like the shepherds and saw baby Jesus, [*child's name*] would tell Him (*read what they wrote*), and [*child's name*] would tell Him... (*say this with each child*). You're the best, God. In Jesus name. Amen."

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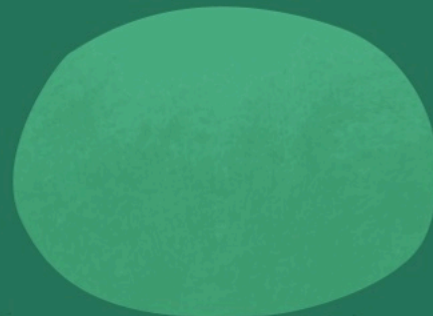
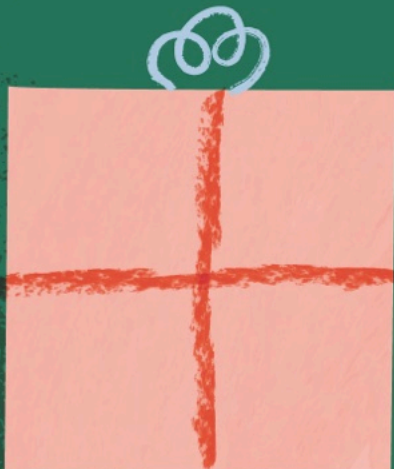




# Week 4

## The Wise Men

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11





“Today’s Bible story is found in the book of Matthew,  
and it begins with wise men.”





“The wise men believed God’s words, and they knew that God was giving us someone very special. They knew God was giving us Jesus!”





"God put a special star in the sky. Can you twinkle your fingers like a shiny star in the sky? (*Hold your hand high above your head and wiggle your fingers.*) Let's sing 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' together.

*(Singing)*

**"Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
We will follow you so far!  
God put you in the sky so bright,  
Lead us to Jesus with your light.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
We will follow you so far!"**

"Oh, thank you for singing with me. (*You can put your hands down now.*) When God put the special star in the sky, the wise men KNEW they should follow it. They knew that if the star went this way ... (*Hold your hand above your head like a star again. Move your hand far over to one side.*) Well, then they needed to go this way. (*Lean your whole body to the same side.*) And, if the star went that way ... (*Move your hand far over to the other side.*) Then they needed to go that way! (*Lean your whole body to the other side. Then straighten up.*) So, the wise men followed the star a long, long way ... until it stopped over a house. The Bible teaches us that: The wise men were thrilled and excited to see the star.





“The wise men went in the house, and they found a child ... and His mother, Mary. The child was Jesus! God’s special star led the wise men to Jesus! When the wise men saw Jesus, they bowed down and worshipped Jesus.”





“Then they gave Jesus very special gifts because they knew Jesus is special. They knew that God gave us Jesus. The wise men followed a star to Jesus, and when they saw Him, they worshiped Him. And now we can worship Jesus too! Because God loves us so much God gave us Jesus. How do we know God loves us?”

**Everyone:** “God gave us Jesus!”

“Yes, God gave us Jesus. Our story time is over, but we’re not through. Let’s talk to God because God loves you!”

# Prayer Time

**Journal Prompt:** In our Bible Story, wise men followed a special star all the way to Jesus. When the wise men saw Jesus, they worshiped Him and gave Him gifts. Hmm... let's make a list of gifts we would give Jesus if we were one of the wise men. Then we can use the list when we pray. When I say your name, tell me one gift you would give Jesus if you saw Him, like the wise men did, and I will write it in our journal. *Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

**Quiet Time Leader Prayer:** *(Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.)*

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

**Leader Prayer:** "These are such sweet gifts! *(Hold up journal.)* Let's pray and talk to God about them. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? *(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)* Dear God, Jesus is special because Jesus is Your Son. And You loved the world SO much that You gave us Your Son. Wow! I'm so glad we know the true story of Christmas so we can know that You love us. If we were the wise men in our story today, we would give Jesus *(read the list the children made)* to show Him how much we love Him. Thank You for a wonderful Christmas with my friends *(say each child's name)*. We love You, God. In Jesus' name.

Amen."



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