

2-4 Year-Olds

Small Group

December — Week 1

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Small Group Leader Guide

Preschool Timetable



10 Minutes

FREE PLAY

SOMETHING THEY CAN DO ON THEIR OWN! LIKE PUZZLES, TOYS, AND SO ON.

5 Minutes

PRAISE & WORSHIP

LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH ALL OUR HEART!

5 Minutes

MOVE ACTIVITY

LET'S GET MOVING!

15 Minutes

BIBLE STORY

IT'S BIBLE STORY TIME--LET'S LISTEN TO THE TRUE STORY!

5 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

5 minutes

CREATE ACTIVITY

CRAFT TIME!

5 minutes

SNACK TIME

PLEASE SAY GRACE FOR THE SNACK AND CHECK ALLERGIES.

5 minutes

HOME TIME

PLEASE MAKE SURE KIDS TAKE THEIR CRAFT HOME.

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

The Angel and Mary Luke 1:26-33,38

An angel tells Mary about Jesus.

Key Question

How do we know God loves us?

Bottom Line

God gave us Jesus.

Memory Verse

**"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son."
John 3:16 GNT**



Inclusive Pro Tips

This leader guide is designed to be inclusive of children with a special need, learning difference, or disability who attend a group with their peers. See highlighted sections below for additional inclusive pro-tips. Check out the additional Special Needs resources included.

MOVE ACTIVITY

Floating Heart



What You Need

- ☐ Mylar heart balloon, one per Small Group



Inclusive Pro Tips

Select moves that are suitable for everyone in the group. Movements can be done sitting if that is best for the group.

① What You Do

During the Activity

1. Hit or toss the balloon in the air and encourage children to do a movement before the balloon hits the ground.

After the Activity

Introduce the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends, I have a fun game to play with you today! Come over here and spread out."

During the Activity

"What shape is my balloon? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes! It's a heart! Hearts remind us of love. We've got a heart because we're going to be learning about how much God loves us! I'm going to toss the balloon in the air, and before it hits the ground, I want you to do any movement you want. You can jump, run in place, clap, dance, but whatever you do, you have to freeze when the balloon hits the ground. Are you ready to play? *(Toss the balloon. If children are struggling to know what to do, call out a movement for them to do.)* Oh no, hurry, it's almost to the ground, everybody freeze! *(Pause.)* You did it! *(Pick up the balloon and toss it again.)* Do a different movement this time. *(Repeat as desired.)* Friends, that was so fun!"

After the Activity

"Today we're going to hear how much God loves *(hold up the heart balloon)* us in our true story from the Bible. I can't wait to hear all about God's love! Let's go!"

Transition -> Move to Worship and Story by following the balloon. Have the leader hold it up high so all children can see it, and the leader could even bop it in the air as they walk.

Memory Verse with Motions

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

☐ No Supplies Needed

Inclusive Pro Tips



Invite children to say it with you or repeat words after you.

Set out the picture cutouts made from the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF for children to hold up or point to as an alternative to saying or repeating the verse out loud.

If using this version, adjust wording in What You Say section accordingly.

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MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS

CHRISTMAS SHAPES

"God loved the world so much

that He gave

His only son."

John 3:16 GNT

CREATE ACTIVITY

Heart Angel

Application Activity

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What You Need

- ☐ Angel cutouts
- ☐ "Heart Angel Label" Activity Page
- ☐ 5" heart cutouts
- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Gold Pipe Cleaners
- ☐ Clear tape
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Permanent marker



① What You Do

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to glue the angel to the center of the heart.
2. Ask children to turn their angel over and place their label on the heart.
3. Insert a pipe cleaner into the hole and then form it into a loop.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Hello friends! Come join me at the table and let's create something super special to remember today's true story from the Bible."

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Inclusive Pro Tips



Provide adaptive crayons.

Prayer



What You Say

“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 [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus and [child’s name] tell (person they listed) that [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus and [child’s name] tell... (continue saying this with each child). We love You, God! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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