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#### **Small Group Leader Guide**

## Preschool Timetable









Today's Bible Story

# The Shepherds Luke 2:8-20

The shepherds run to 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 protips. Check out the additional Special Needs resources included.





2-4 Year-Olds

**Small Group** 

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# Sticky Sheep

What You Need

- ☐ Styrofoam Balls (16)☐ Plastic container
- ☐ Wide painter's tape☐ Permanent marker



#### <sup>①</sup> What You Do

#### Before the Activity

- 1. Tear off two three-foot lengths of tape.
- 2. Attach one strip of tape vertically to the wall from the floor up and sticky side out, with a smaller piece of tape at the top and bottom.
- 3. Attach the second strip of tape the same way but two-feet apart from the first.
- 4. Create a straight line of tape on the floor about five-feet from the wall.
- 5. Draw a simple sheep face and ears on each ball pit ball and place them in the container.

#### **During the Activity**

- 1. Divide children into two groups and line each group up behind the tape line.
- 2. Encourage children to take turns picking a "sheep" from the container then running it to the tape.
- 3. Encourage children to stick the sheep to the tape line then run back for the next set of children to run. Continue until each child has had a turn.
- 4. If desired, the next round, ask children to take turns running to the wall to collect a "sheep" and run it back to the container. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity

Introduce the Bible Story.

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Inclusive Pro Tips



Encourage children to move in a way that best suits the group.

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#### Before the Activity

"Friends, come over here and stand with me. I have a super fun activity for us to do today!"

#### During the Activity

"Let's get into two groups. (Help distribute children into two groups.) This group stand in a line right here (point to one side of the container) behind the tape and the other group stand in a line on this side. (Pause.) This container has a bunch of sheep in it. (Pick up a ball and show the face.) When I say GO, our first two friends will pick up a sheep from the container and run it all the way to the wall and stick it to the tape then run back like this. (Demonstrate.) Okay are we ready? GO! Pick up a sheep and run! (Pause.) Stick it on the tape and run back! (Pause.) Great job! Next friends pick a sheep and run! (Continue with each child. Repeat as desired.) That was so fun getting the sheep from here to there!"

#### After the Activity

"Today we are going to hear a true story from the Bible about some shepherds. Shepherds are people who take care of sheep, just like you did today!"

Transition -> Move to Worship and Story by pretending to herd and guide pretend sheep as you walk.

Inclusive Pro Tips



Encourage children to move in a way that best suits the group.

## Memory Verse with Motions

#### Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

☐ No Supplies Needed

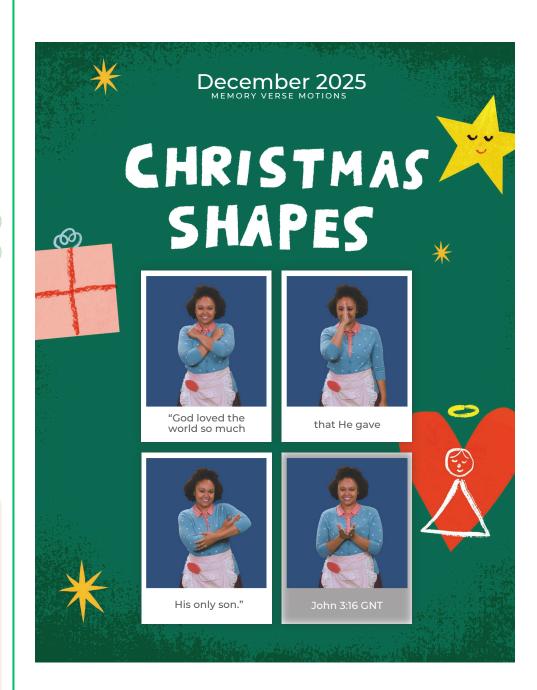


#### Inclusive Pro Tips

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.





## **AGE 2-TBD**



# Christmas Craft

**CREATE ACTIVITY** 

### **AGE 3-4**







## What You Say

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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