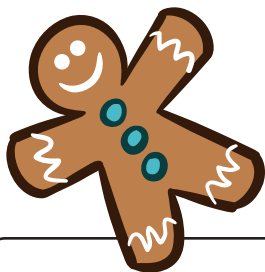




First, watch
this week's
video!



Bible Story

The Angel and Mary
(Luke 1:26-33, 38, 46-49)

Remember This

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

Say This

Why is Jesus special?
Jesus is God's Son.

Have fun learning and playing
with your preschooler!

Activity

Fly to Me

What You Need

Masking tape

What You Do

Make a line with the tape throughout an open area in your home.

Have your child stand at one end of the line. Then, ask them to fly like an angel down the taped line to you. When your child reaches you, ask, "Why is Jesus special?" and say "Jesus is God's Son" with the them. Repeat as long as interest holds.

(If you have a natural line in your flooring, you could point out that line and use it instead of tape.)

Say, "Fly like an angel down this line and come see me! Fly to me! Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's Son. One more time. Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's Son. Let's do it again.

"That was so much fun! God sent an angel to Mary to tell her that she would have a baby and He would be Jesus! Jesus is God's Son. **Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's Son!**"



Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for blessing me with *(name each child)*. I love them so much. Thank You for Christmas and all we get to celebrate this time of year. Help us remember that we already received the best gift ever: Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

Christmas: Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

Read: Isaiah 9:6



DAY
1

Promises, Promises

Have you ever made a promise to a friend? Did you keep that promise? Make a list of all the promises you've made that you can remember. God's list would be really really long because there are thousands of promises in the Bible. Can you imagine making that many promises and keeping them? When God makes a promise to us, we can have hope.

Know we can have hope because God keeps all His promises.



DAY
2

Rainbow Promise

One promise we learn is that God gave Noah a huge promise at the end of that story in the form of a rainbow. God promised He would never flood the earth again. Gather some rainbow-colored cereal, like Fruit Loops®, a paper plate, and some glue. Separate the cereal pieces into the different colors of the rainbow and glue them onto the paper plate in order. Place this somewhere to remind you that God keeps His promises.

Remember that God always keeps His promises.



*We can have hope because
God keeps His promises.*



DAY
3

My Christmas List

Ask an adult to help you find a box, some crayons and some scrap pieces of paper. On the pieces of paper, write all the things that you are hoping for this Christmas. Once you have finished, place them inside the box and decorate it like a gift. Share the things you are hoping for with your family at dinner tonight. Did you know that the best gift we could have ever been given did not come in a box? He was a baby and He was sent to be our hope and our Savior.

*Dear God,
Thank you for your promises. Thank you for the promise of hope and a Savior. Thank you for giving us Jesus. Help us to remember that He is the best gift of all. Amen.*



DAY
4

A Savior

Ask an adult to help you look up Isaiah 9:6 and highlight it. Read it out loud. God promised to send a Savior that would bring hope to the world many years before it happened. And that is not the only promise we have been given. All throughout the Bible, God's Story, we find promises from Him. He'll always be with you. God promised there will be a day when there will be no more sadness or hurting. Write Isaiah 9:6 on your hand or bathroom mirror as a reminder of God's promises.

Ask God to help you remember His promises.





**“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you.
He is the Messiah, the Lord.” Luke 2:11, NIV**

Theme

Christmas Cookies



SAY THIS

Why is Jesus special?
Jesus is God's Son.

Why is Jesus special?



Whose birthday do we celebrate on Christmas?

Who loves you?



Use washable crayons or markers to draw your favorite part of this week's Bible Story:



WEEK 1

An angel visits Mary and tells her she will have God's Son, Jesus.

Luke 1:26-33, 38, 46-49

Who told Mary she was going to have a baby? (Angel)

What was the baby's name? (Jesus)

WEEK 2

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem where Jesus, God's Son, is born.

Luke 2:1-7

Where was Jesus born? (Stable)

Why do we celebrate Christmas?

(Jesus was born)

WEEK 3

Shepherds run to see God's Son, Jesus, after an angel tells them that He has been born.

Luke 2:8-20

Who told the shepherds about Jesus?

(Angels)

Who did the shepherds tell about Jesus?

(Everyone)

WEEK 4

Wise men follow a special star to find Jesus so they can worship Him.

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

What did the wise men follow to find Jesus?

(Star)

What did the wise men give Jesus?

(Presents)

Memory Verse

"God

loved the world so much

that he gave

his only Son."

John 3:16

Point up

Hug yourself

Hands out with palms up

Rock arms like a baby

Open hands like a book

Cookie Creations

1 Use crayons or playdough to decorate the Christmas cookies as you retell the Christmas Story.

2 Add your own cookie creations to the tray.



The Angel and Mary



Jesus Is Born



The Shepherds



Wise Men Follow a Star