

## MONTHLY OVERVIEW

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We pray that we will all enter this month with the same wonder the shepherds had as they heard the good news for the very first time—a wonder that will inspire us all to go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is God's Son.

week ONE	BIBLE STORY The Angel and Mary Luke 1:26-33, 38, 46-49	<b>STORY FOCUS</b> God told us He would give us Jesus.
w e e k TWO	<b>BIBLE STORY</b> Jesus Is Born Luke 2:1-7	<b>STORY FOCUS</b> Jesus is born.
THREE	BIBLE STORY The Shepherds Luke 2:8-20	<b>STORY FOCUS</b> The angels tell about Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE	KEY QUESTION	BOTTOM LINE	
"GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON." JOHN 3:16, GNT	WHY IS JESUS SPECIAL?	JESUS IS GOD'S SON.	
GOD LOVES ME.			



# FOR LEADERS ONLY

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### WEEK 1

**Story Focus: God told us He would give us Jesus.** During week one, our preschoolers will learn that an angel told Mary that she was going to have a baby. He told her this baby would be very special. His name would be Jesus, and He would be God's Son.

### WEEK 2

**Story Focus: Jesus is born.** Week two, we learn how Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem to be counted for the census. When they got there, they had to stay in a stable. And that is where Jesus, God's Son, was born.

### WEEK 3

**Story Focus: The angels tell about Jesus.** Week three, we hear how the angels shared the Good News about Jesus to shepherds who are watching sheep in a field nearby. Those shepherds ran as quickly as they could to go see this baby. After seeing Jesus, they went and told everyone in town so they would know about the special baby too!

### WEEK 4

**Story Focus: The wise men come to see God's Son.** We end the month with week four and the the special star that God used to lead the wise men to Jesus. When the star stopped over the house where Jesus was staying, the wise men went in, bowed before Him, and gave Him their gifts. There He was—Jesus—God's Son.

As we tell the Christms story this month, we need to remember that some of our preschool friends are hearing it for the very first time. Share with them the awe and wonder that is the Christmas season.