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Preschool Bible Curriculum (Ages 3-5)

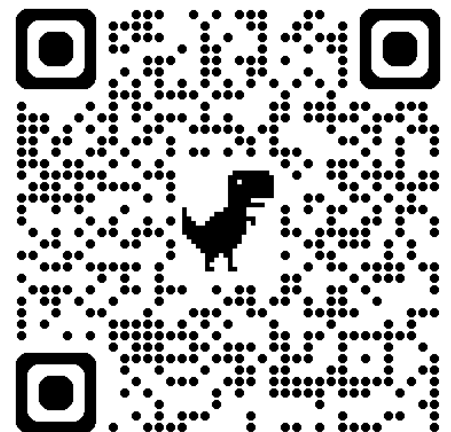


FOUNDATIONS 4-Week Preschool Sample Curriculum

Introducing FOUNDATIONS Preschool: Big Truths for Little Hearts This Christmas, we are thrilled to unveil our brand-new curriculum line designed specifically for your youngest learners (Ages 3-5). We've taken the trusted, gospel-centered theology of our Elementary FOUNDATIONS curriculum and reimagined it for preschoolers. Through sensory play, simple storytelling, and "wiggle-proof" activities, this new series proves that you are never too young to learn God's Big Story.

To celebrate the launch, we are offering this **4-Week Advent Unit** as a special introduction. Take your preschoolers on a journey from the angel's announcement to the arrival of the Wise Men. See for yourself how FOUNDATIONS Preschool combines deep biblical truth with age-appropriate fun!

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4-Week PreK Lesson Overview

Week 1 –Share the Good News about Jesus

- Bible Story: Angels Announce the Birth of Jesus to Mary (Luke 1:26–38; 46–55)
- Main Idea: Jesus is good news for me!

Week 2 – Mary Sings of God’s Love

- Bible Story: Mary Visits Elizabeth and Sings to God (Luke 1:39–55)
- Main Idea: I can praise God for His love.

Week 3 – The Birth of Jesus

- Bible Story: The Birth of Jesus Christ (Luke 2:1–20)
- Main Idea: Jesus is God’s special gift for me!

Week 4 – Jesus Is the Best Gift

- Bible Story: Story Title (Reference 3:16)
- Main Idea: The Wise Men Visit Jesus (Matthew 2:1–12)

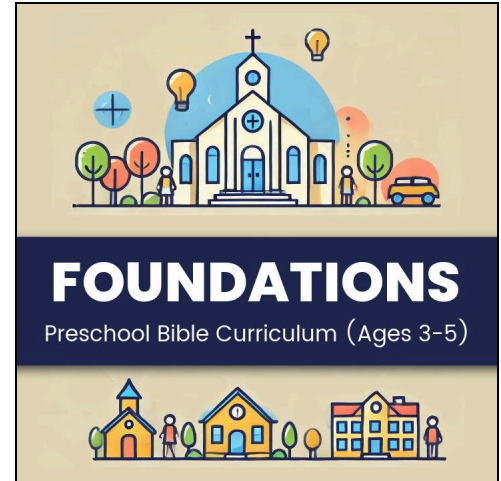


Share the Good News about Jesus

Bible Story: Angels Announce the Birth of Jesus to Mary (Luke 1:26–38; 46–55)

Main Idea: Jesus is good news for me!

Summary: An angel named Gabriel came to Mary with happy news that she would have a special baby named Jesus, God's Son. Mary trusted God and sang a joyful song to praise Him. In this lesson, children will enjoy simple, interactive activities that help them feel safe, loved, and full of joy as they learn that Jesus came to love and save them. Learn more about [Foundations Preschool Bible Lessons](#).



Supply List

Arrival & Guided Play

- Baby dolls
- Small blankets
- Toy angel figures or light scarves for “angel wings”
- Building blocks
- Picture books about families or babies
- Play kitchen set or toy food

Group Games – Hot Potato

- Small soft ball or beanbag
- Music player with an upbeat worship song (optional)

Bible Story

- Printed picture of the angel Gabriel talking to Mary in her home
- Printed picture of Mary praising God with joy

Craft – Angel Message Megaphone

- Sturdy paper or lightweight cardstock (one sheet per child)
- Crayons or washable markers
- Stickers (stars, hearts, or Christmas shapes, optional)
- Tape (teacher use)
- Optional: pre-cut simple angel or heart shapes for gluing

Coloring Page & Activity Sheet

- “Angel Gabriel Visits Mary” Bible story coloring page (1 per child)
- Crayons



Arrival and Guided Play (5-10 minutes)

This lesson's focus is learning **"Jesus is good news for me!"** and the Bible story **"Angels Announce the Birth of Jesus to Mary."** Use toys and simple activities to welcome children, help them feel safe, and gently introduce the happy news about Jesus. This flexible time helps everyone settle into the classroom and get ready for the Bible story.

- **Baby Dolls & Blankets** – Let's gently wrap the baby in a blanket. The angel told Mary about a special baby named Jesus. Jesus is good news for us.
- **Toy Angel Figures or Scarves for "Angel Wings"** – Move the scarves like wings. Angels brought happy news from God. Jesus is God's good news.
- **Building Blocks** – Build a small house and say that Mary was at home when the angel visited her. Jesus brings love to our homes too.
- **Picture Books About Families or Babies** – Look at the pictures together. Mary was going to have a baby named Jesus. Jesus came to show God's love.
- **Play Kitchen or Food Toys** – Pretend to make a meal to share. Jesus is good news for everyone, and we can share His love with others.

After the children have arrived, gather everyone together.

TEACHER: Let's clean up our toys and come sit in a circle to play a game together!



Group Game (5 minutes)

Hot Potato

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Small soft ball or beanbag
- Music player with an upbeat worship song (optional)

SETUP:

- Have children sit in a circle on the floor so they can easily pass the ball.
- Make sure there is space around the circle so no one bumps into furniture.

TEACHER: This game will help us remember our happy news: Jesus is good news for me! We will pass this ball around the circle. When the music stops, or when I say “stop,” the person holding the ball will say, Jesus is good news for me! Then we will all say it together.

(Start the music or begin counting out loud as children pass the ball around the circle. After a few seconds, stop the music or say “stop” and gently help the child holding the ball.)

You have the ball. Say, Jesus is good news for me! *(Pause to let the child say it, then lead the whole group.)*

Let’s all say it together: Jesus is good news for me! *(Continue the game for several rounds, helping different children have a turn and repeating the Main Idea each time.)*

Angels brought good news to Mary about baby Jesus. We are passing the “good news” around the circle. Jesus is still good news for us today, and we can share His love with other people.



Bible Story (10 minutes) Angels Announce the Birth of Jesus to Mary (Luke 1:26–38; 46–55)

SUPPLIES:

- Printed picture of the angel Gabriel talking to Mary in her home
- Printed picture of Mary praising God with joy

TEACHER: We are going to hear a true story from God's Word, the Bible. This story is about a young woman named Mary and some very happy news. Our big truth today is: Jesus is good news for me! Let's say that together.

(Cup your ear and lead the children.)

Say it with me: Jesus is good news for me!

(Hold up the first picture of the angel and Mary.)

One day, Mary was at home in a town called Nazareth. Mary loved God. Suddenly, a bright angel from God came to visit her. The angel's name was Gabriel.

(Point to the angel in the picture.)

The angel said, Greetings, Mary. God is with you. God has chosen you for something very special. Mary felt surprised and maybe a little scared.

(Make a surprised face and invite children to copy you.)

Show me your surprised face.

The angel told Mary, You are going to have a baby. This baby will be very special.

You will name Him Jesus. He is God's Son. He will be the King forever.



That is the happiest news ever. Jesus was coming! Jesus is good news for me!

(Pat your chest gently and lead the children.)

Let's say it together: Jesus is good news for me!

Mary did not understand everything. She knew this was a big miracle from God. But Mary trusted God. She said, I am God's servant. I will do what God wants. Mary believed that God's words are always true.

(Fold your hands like you are trusting and nod your head.)

Mary trusted God, and we can trust God too. God always keeps His promises.

Later, Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. When Mary came close, Elizabeth felt her own baby jump for joy inside her tummy because baby Jesus was so near.

(Pretend to give someone a happy hug, without touching the children.)

Elizabeth was very happy to see Mary, and both of them were full of joy because Jesus was coming.

(Hold up the second picture of Mary praising God.)

Mary was so thankful that she began to praise God. She said, My soul praises the Lord. God has done great things for me. He sees me. He loves me.

Mary knew that God was sending Jesus to help people. Jesus would come to save us and show us God's love. That is the best news in the world.

Our Main Idea says it in a simple way: Jesus is good news for me!

(Lead children again.)



Let's whisper it: Jesus is good news for me!

(Pause, then speak normally.)

Now let's say it in happy voices: Jesus is good news for me!

God's good news was not just for Mary. It is for us too. Jesus came as a baby, grew up, and died on the cross for our sins. Then He came alive again. Now Jesus is with us and loves us.

When you feel scared, Jesus is there. When you feel happy, Jesus is there. When you feel lonely, Jesus is there. Jesus is always good news.

(Point gently around the circle.)

Jesus is good news for you, and you, and you. Jesus is good news for me!

(Invite children to repeat one more time.)

Let's say it one last time together: Jesus is good news for me!

PRAYER TIME: Let's talk to God together. You can repeat after me.

Dear God,

Thank You for sending Jesus.

Thank You for the good news of Your love.

Help me trust You like Mary did.

Help me remember Jesus is good news for me.

Thank You for always being with me.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.









Craft (10 minutes)

Angel Message Megaphone



SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Sturdy paper or lightweight cardstock (one sheet per child)
- Crayons or washable markers
- Stickers (stars, hearts, or Christmas shapes, optional)
- Tape (teacher use)
- Optional: pre-cut simple angel or heart shapes for gluing

TEACHER: *(Give each child a piece of paper.)* We are going to make a special “good news” megaphone to remember our story. The angel told Mary good news about Jesus. Jesus is good news for me!

(Show children how to draw or color on their paper.)

You can draw or color on your paper. You might draw an angel, a heart, or anything that makes you happy. While you color, let's say our big truth: Jesus is good news for me!

(Walk around and quietly repeat the Main Idea with individual children as they work.)

Jesus is good news for me.

(When children finish coloring, gently collect each paper one at a time.)

Now I will help turn your paper into a megaphone.

(Roll each child's paper into a cone shape and tape it closed. Hand the finished megaphone back to the child.)

Here is your megaphone. You can talk into the wide end like this.

(Demonstrate softly speaking into a megaphone, not shouting.)

When you speak into your megaphone, you can share our good news. Listen and repeat after me: Jesus is good news for me!

(Invite children to speak into their megaphones one at a time or all together softly.)

Now you say it into your megaphone: Jesus is good news for me!

The angel told Mary that Jesus was coming. That was the happiest news. You can take your megaphone home and remember to share good news about Jesus with your family. Jesus is good news for me!








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JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS FOR ME!

Please count each item, and then record the tally in the boxes below.



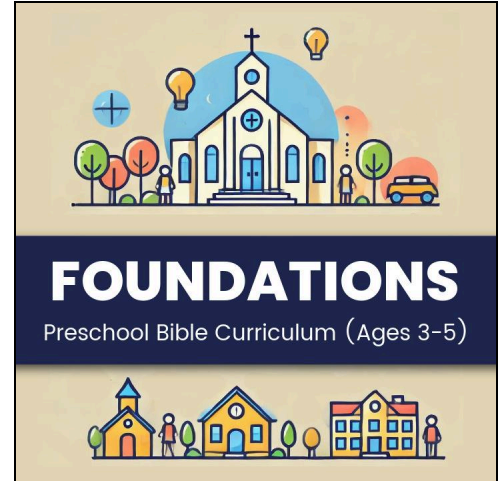
				

Mary Sings of God's Love

Bible Story: Mary Visits Elizabeth and Sings to God
(Luke 1:39–55)

Main Idea: I can praise God for His love.

Summary: Mary went on a long trip to visit her cousin Elizabeth, and both women were waiting for special babies from God. When Mary came in, Elizabeth's baby jumped for joy, and Mary sang a happy song to praise God for His love and for sending Jesus. In this lesson, children will learn that they can praise God too by singing, clapping, and using kind words to say "Thank You" to Him. Learn more about [Foundations Preschool Bible Lessons](#).



Supply List

Arrival & Guided Play

- Baby dolls
- Small blankets
- Toy musical instruments or shakers
- Blocks
- Scarves or ribbons
- Heart coloring pages or heart outlines
- Crayons

Group Games – Praise Freeze Dance

- Music player or phone
- Upbeat worship song
- Open space for movement

Bible Story

- Printed picture of Mary walking to visit Elizabeth
- Printed picture of Mary praising God with her song

Craft – Mary’s Praise Song Shaker

- Small paper cups (one per child)
- Dry beans or rice
- Pre-cut paper circles for lids
- Tape
- Crayons
- Stickers (optional)

Coloring Page & Activity Sheet

- Bible story coloring page (1 per child)
- Activity sheet (1 per child)
- Crayons



Arrival and Guided Play (5–10 minutes)

This lesson helps preschoolers learn, *“I can praise God for His love.”* Today’s Bible story is *“Mary Visits Elizabeth and Sings to God”* from Luke 1:39–55. Use simple toys and gentle conversation to help children feel loved and ready to hear how Mary praised God for sending Jesus.

- **Baby Dolls & Blankets** – Let children rock, hug, and gently wrap the baby dolls. Remind them that Mary was going to have baby Jesus. Say that Mary praised God because He loved her and was sending Jesus to the world.
- **Musical Instruments or Shakers** – Offer toy drums, shakers, or bells. Invite children to make “happy sounds” for God. Say that Mary sang a happy song to praise God and we can praise God with music too.
- **Blocks: Mary’s Visit** – Encourage children to build a simple house with blocks. Pretend Mary is walking to visit Elizabeth. As they play, say that when Mary saw Elizabeth, they were both so glad and praised God for His love.
- **Scarves or Ribbons for Dancing** – Let children wave scarves or ribbons and move around the room. Call it a “praise dance.” Say that when we move our bodies in happy ways for God, we are showing Him we love Him, just like Mary praised God with her whole heart.
- **Hearts Coloring Table** – Provide paper with simple heart shapes and crayons. Invite children to color hearts for God. As they color, say that God loves us, and we can love Him back. Mary thanked God for His love, and we can thank Him too.

After the children have arrived, gather everyone together.

TEACHER: Let’s clean up our toys and come sit in a circle to play a game together!



Group Game (5 minutes)

Praise Freeze Dance

Supplies:

- Music player or phone
- Upbeat worship song about God's love or praising God
- Open space for children to move safely

TEACHER: We are going to play a fun game called **Praise Freeze Dance**. When the music is on, you can dance and move your body for God. When the music stops, you freeze like a statue.

(Have children spread out so they have room to move without bumping each other. Start the music and let children dance for a short time, then pause the music.)

Freeze! Stand very still like a statue. While we are frozen, let's say our big truth together: I can praise God for His love.

(Repeat the phrase slowly with the children. Then start the music again and repeat the pattern of dancing and freezing several times.)

Mary praised God with a song because He loved her and was sending Jesus. When we dance and freeze and say our big truth, we are praising God too.



Bible Story (10 minutes) Mary Visits Elizabeth and Praises God (Luke 1:39–55)

SUPPLIES:

- Printed picture of Mary walking to visit Elizabeth
- Printed picture of Mary praising God with her song

TEACHER: Mary loved God very much. One day, she took a long trip to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Mary was going to have a very special baby named Jesus. God loved Mary, and He chose her for this wonderful job. That made Mary's heart feel full of joy.

Let's say our big truth together: I can praise God for His love.

(Hold up the first picture: Mary walking on the path toward Elizabeth's home.)

When Mary arrived at Elizabeth's house, something amazing happened. Elizabeth heard Mary's voice, and her own baby jumped for joy inside her tummy. Elizabeth was filled with God's Spirit and said, "Mary, God has blessed you! God is doing something wonderful!"

(Show the class the picture of the two women greeting each other warmly.)

Mary felt God's love even more. Her heart was so happy. She began to praise God. Mary said, My heart praises the Lord! God sees me. God loves me. God keeps His promises.

(Place your hand on your heart and smile.)



Mary praised God because He was sending Jesus. Let's say our big truth again: I can praise God for His love.

(Invite children to repeat the Main Idea with you.)

Mary praised God with her whole heart. She wanted everyone to know how good God is. And we can praise God too. We can sing, clap, dance, and say "Thank You, God." God loves us very much, just like He loved Mary.

Let's say it again: I can praise God for His love.

PRAYER TIME: Let's talk to God together. You can repeat after me.

Dear God,

Thank You for loving me.

Thank You for sending Jesus.

Help me praise You every day.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.









Craft (10 minutes)

Mary's Praise Song Shaker

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Small paper cups (one per child)
- A few dry beans or rice (1 tablespoon per shaker)
- Paper circles (pre-cut to fit over the cup opening)
- Tape
- Crayons
- Stickers (optional)



TEACHER: *(Give each child one paper cup.)*

Decorate your cup with crayons or stickers. This will be your praise shaker.

(Place a small spoonful of beans into each cup.)

Put the beans inside. They will make the happy shaking sound.

(Hand out a paper circle to each child.)

Place the paper circle on top of the cup.

(Help children tape around the rim of the cup so it is fully sealed.)

Press the tape all the way around so nothing falls out. Shake your shaker.

Shake your shaker again to praise God, just like Mary praised God with her song.

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I CAN PRAISE GOD FOR HIS LOVE.

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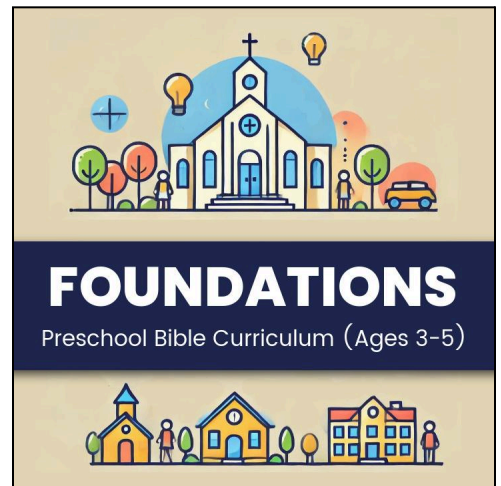


The Birth of Jesus

Bible Story: The Birth of Jesus Christ (Luke 2:1–20)

Main Idea: Jesus is God's special gift for me!

Summary: Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem, and that is where baby Jesus was born. There was no room anywhere, so Jesus slept in a manger. Angels told the shepherds the happy news, and the shepherds hurried to see Him. This lesson helps preschoolers know that Jesus came because God loves them. Children will hear the joyful story of Jesus' birth and learn that He is God's special gift. Learn more about [Foundations Preschool Bible Lessons](#).



Supply List

Arrival & Guided Play

- Baby dolls
- Small blankets
- Toy animals or barn pieces
- Star blocks or star cutouts
- Play scarves
- Coloring pages or blank paper
- Crayons

Group Games – Shepherds Find the Manger

- Small toy animal, baby doll, or manger object to hide
- Open space for movement

Bible Story

- Printed picture of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus in the manger
- Printed picture of angels appearing to the shepherds

Craft – Baby Jesus Manger Craft

- Paper plates
- Brown and yellow crayons
- Baby Jesus cutout templates (provided below)
- Yellow tissue paper squares
- Glue sticks
- Stickers (optional)

Coloring Page & Activity Sheet

- Baby Jesus in the Manger coloring page (1 per child)
- Activity sheet (1 per child)
- Crayons



Arrival and Guided Play (5-10 minutes)

This lesson helps children learn **“Jesus is God’s special gift for me!”** and introduces the Bible story **“The Birth of Jesus Christ” (Luke 2:1–20)**. Use toys and simple activities to welcome children, help them feel safe, and gently prepare their hearts for the joyful story of Jesus’ birth.

- **Baby Dolls & Blankets** – Wrap the baby gently. Mary wrapped baby Jesus in cloths because He was God’s special gift.
- **Nativity Figures or Farm Animals** – Let children play with simple animals or a toy barn. Jesus was born where animals stayed, and God sent Him as a special gift for us.
- **Star Blocks or Star Cutouts** – Build towers or sort star shapes. A bright star reminds us that Jesus was born and brings light to the world.
- **Play Scarves** – Wave scarves slowly like angels. Angels told the shepherds the good news that Jesus was born.
- **Crayon Table with Manger Coloring Pages** – Invite children to draw or color. Talk about how Jesus was born in a manger because He came to show God’s love to everyone.

After the children have arrived, gather everyone together.

TEACHER: Let’s clean up our toys and come sit in a circle to play a game together!



Group Game (5 minutes)

Shepherds Find the Manger

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- A small toy animal, baby doll, or manger-shaped object to hide
- Open space for children to move safely

SETUP:

- Hide the object somewhere in the room where children can find it with simple searching (not too hard).
- Choose a spot where all children can gather before starting the search.

TEACHER: The shepherds were out in the fields when the angels told them wonderful news. Jesus was born! Jesus is God's special gift for me.

The shepherds said, Let's go and see baby Jesus!

A manger is hidden somewhere in our classroom. When I say "Go," you can walk and look for it like the shepherds. When you find it, gently point to it and sit down.

(Send children to search.)

Let's say our big truth while we look: Jesus is God's special gift for me.

(Guide children as needed; celebrate when they find the object.)

You found the manger, just like the shepherds found baby Jesus. They were so happy, and they thanked God for His special gift.

Let's say it together, "Jesus is God's special gift for me!"



Bible Story (10 minutes)

The Birth of Jesus Christ (Luke 2:1–20)

SUPPLIES:

- Printed picture of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus in the manger
- Printed picture of angels appearing to the shepherds

TEACHER: A long time ago, Mary and Joseph had to take a trip to a town called Bethlehem. Mary was going to have a special baby. God was sending Jesus because He loves us. Jesus is God's special gift for me!

(Hold up the first picture of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus in the manger.)

When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, there were so many people that there was no room anywhere. So Mary had baby Jesus in a place where animals stayed. She wrapped Him in soft cloth and laid Him in a manger. A manger is a feeding bed for animals. This tiny baby was God's special gift for the whole world.

Let's say our big truth together: Jesus is God's special gift for me!

(Hold up the second picture of angels appearing to the shepherds.)

Nearby, shepherds were watching their sheep at night. Suddenly, God's bright angels appeared in the sky! The shepherds were afraid, but the angels said, Do not be afraid! We bring good news! Jesus has been born!

(Spread your arms wide like an angel.)

More angels came and praised God. They were so happy because Jesus had come. The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to find baby Jesus.



(Point to the manger picture again.)

The shepherds found Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. They were amazed and thanked God for this wonderful gift. Everywhere they went, they told people the good news.

We can be happy too. God sent Jesus because He loves us very much. Jesus is God's special gift for me!

(Invite children to say it with you.) Jesus is God's special gift for me!

PRAYER TIME: Let's talk to God together. You can repeat after me.

Dear God,

Thank You for sending Jesus.

Thank You for loving me.

Help me remember Jesus is Your special gift.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.









Craft (10 minutes)

Baby Jesus Manger Craft (Paper Plate)

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Paper plates
- Brown and yellow crayons
- Small paper “Baby Jesus” pre-cut by teacher (provided below)
- Small squares of yellow tissue paper (for hay)
- Glue sticks
- Stickers (optional)



TEACHER: *(Give each child a paper plate.)*

Color the plate brown or yellow. This will be the manger where Jesus rested.

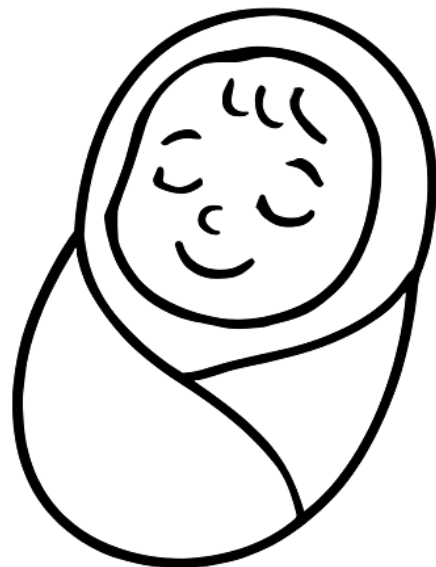
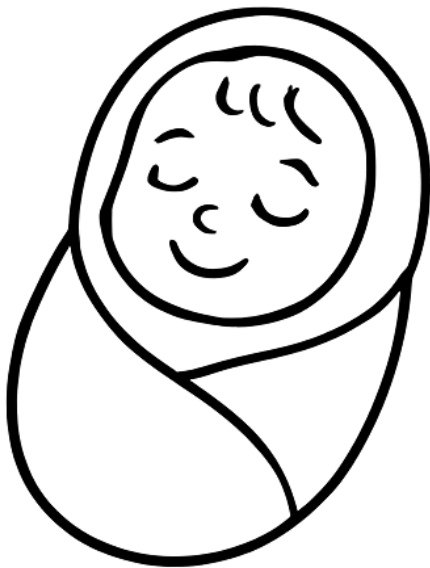
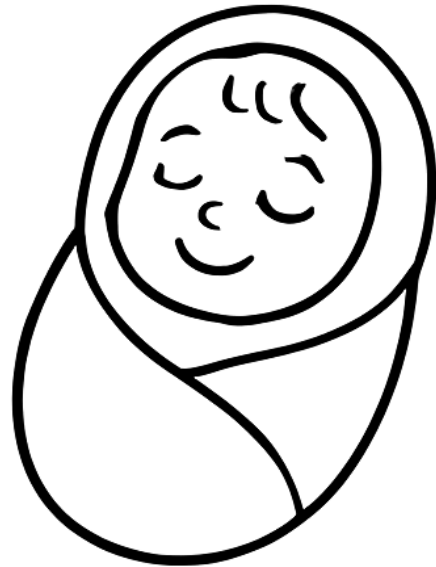
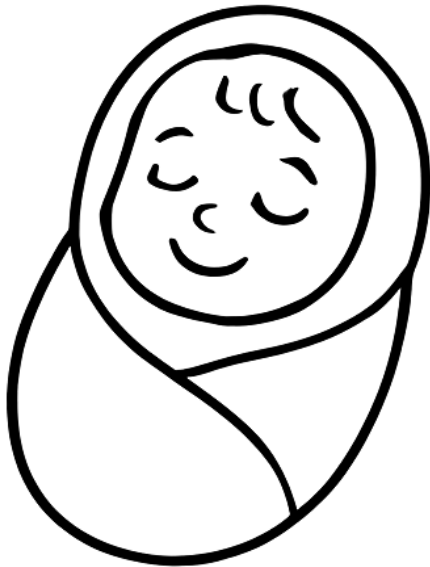
(Place the tissue paper squares on the table within reach.)

Glue some soft tissue pieces onto the plate to make pretend hay.

(Hand each child a small Baby Jesus cutout. Help children glue Baby Jesus onto the hay in the center of the plate.)

Place Baby Jesus right here in the manger. Jesus is God’s special gift for me.

Let’s remember, “Jesus is God’s special gift for me!”



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JESUS IS GOD'S SPECIAL GIFT FOR ME!

Can you draw a Baby Jesus lying in the manger?

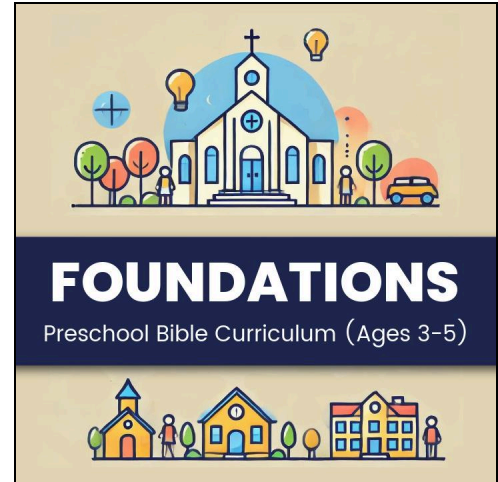


Jesus Is the Best Gift

Bible Story: The Wise Men Visit Jesus (Matthew 2:1–12)

Main Idea: Jesus is God's special gift for me!

Summary: In this lesson, children will hear how the wise men followed a bright star to find Jesus. They brought Him special gifts because Jesus is God's Son and brings joy to everyone. Preschoolers will learn that Jesus loves them and cares for them. The activities in this lesson help children feel safe, loved, and happy as they play, listen, and discover that Jesus is the best gift in the whole world. Learn more about [Foundations Preschool Bible Lessons](#).



Supply List

Arrival & Guided Play

- Star blocks or star-shaped counters
- Baby dolls
- Small blankets
- Toy animals (camels, sheep, etc.)
- Picture books with night skies or stars
- Small gift boxes with simple items inside

Group Games – Follow the Leader

- No supplies needed

Bible Story

- Printed picture of the wise men following the bright star
- Printed picture of the wise men giving gifts to Jesus

Craft – Wise Men Crowns

- Pre-cut paper crown strips or long paper strips
- Crayons
- Star stickers or simple shape stickers
- Tape or stapler (teacher use only)

Coloring Page & Activity Sheet

- Coloring sheet: Wise Men Give Gifts to Jesus (1 per child)
- Crayons



Arrival and Guided Play (5-10 minutes)

This lesson's focus is learning **"Jesus is the best gift"** and the Bible story **"The Wise Men Visit Jesus."** Use toys and simple activities to welcome children, help them feel safe, and gently introduce the happy news about Jesus. This flexible time helps everyone settle into the classroom and get ready for the Bible story.

- **Star Blocks or Star-Shaped Counters** – Let's build with these stars. The wise men followed a special star to find Jesus. Jesus is the best gift.
- **Baby Doll & Blanket** – Let's gently wrap the baby. The wise men came to see Jesus when He was a little child. Jesus loves us so much.
- **Toy Animals (camels, sheep, etc.)** – Let's walk the animals together. The wise men traveled a long way to see Jesus. Jesus is the best gift.
- **Picture Books with Night Skies or Stars** – Let's look at these star pictures. A bright star helped the wise men find Jesus. Jesus cares for us.
- **Gift Boxes with Simple Items Inside** – Let's open the gifts and see what's inside. The wise men brought Jesus special gifts because He is God's Son.

After the children have arrived, gather everyone together.

TEACHER: Let's clean up our toys and come sit in a circle to play a game together!



Group Game (5 minutes)

Follow the Leader

SUPPLIES NEEDED: None

SETUP: Clear an open space so children can safely walk and follow one another in a line.

TEACHER: Let's play Follow the Leader. You will follow me as we move around the room. The wise men followed a bright star to find Jesus. Jesus is the best gift.

(Have children stand in a line behind you.)

(Walk slowly in a simple path, making gentle movements like tiptoeing, stretching arms up, or marching.)

Do what I do. We are following together, just like the wise men followed the star.

(Change direction or add another simple motion.)

Jesus loves us, and Jesus is the best gift. Say it with me: Jesus is the best gift!

(Let children take turns being the leader. Stand nearby and guide them as needed.)

Let's follow our new leader. We are practicing listening and following—just like the wise men followed the star to Jesus.



Bible Story (10 minutes) The Wise Men Visit Jesus (Matthew 2:1–12)

SUPPLIES:

- Printed picture of *the wise men following the bright star in the night sky*
- Printed picture of *the wise men giving their gifts to young Jesus*

TEACHER: Today we will hear about some wise men who wanted to find someone very, very special—Jesus! Jesus is the best gift.

(Hold up the picture of the wise men following the star.)

Look at this picture. The wise men saw a bright star in the sky. They knew the star meant a special king had been born. So they packed their things and traveled a long, long way. They wanted to find Jesus.

Let's all pretend to look up at the star.

(Tilt your head up and shade your eyes with your hand.)

The star was shining and moving, and the wise men followed it. Repeat after me:
Jesus is the best gift.

(Show the picture again of the wise men traveling.)

The wise men walked and walked—maybe on camels, maybe for many days. They were tired, but they kept going because they wanted to see Jesus.

(Hold up the picture of the wise men giving gifts to Jesus.)

One day, the star stopped over the place where Jesus was. The wise men were so happy! They went inside and saw Jesus with His mother Mary.

They bowed down and thanked God for Jesus. They gave Jesus special gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They knew Jesus was God’s Son. Jesus is the best gift.

Repeat after me: Jesus is the best gift!

Jesus loves us just like He loved the wise men. We can give Jesus our love and our hearts every day. Jesus is the best gift.

PRAYER TIME: Let’s talk to God together. You can repeat after me.

God,

Thank You for Jesus.

Thank You that Jesus is the best gift.

Help us love You every day.

We are so glad You love us.

In Jesus’ Name, Amen.







Craft (10 minutes)

Wise Men Crowns

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Pre-cut paper crown strips (or long paper strips that can be taped into a circle)
- Crayons
- Star stickers or simple shape stickers
- Tape or stapler (for teacher use only)



TEACHER: We are making simple crowns to remember how the wise men honored Jesus.

(Give each child a paper crown strip.)

Color your crown. You can make lines, shapes, or any colors you like. Jesus is the best gift.

(Add star stickers)

Let's add stars. The wise men followed a bright star to find Jesus.

Jesus loves you, and Jesus is the best gift.

(Help each child fit the crown around their head and tape or staple the ends.)

Your crown shows that you are special and loved—and the wise men came to worship Jesus because He is God's Son. Jesus is the best gift.

Name: _____

JESUS BRINGS JOY TO EVERYONE

Please draw a line to match the same pictures.

