

CLUBHOUSE MEMORY VERSE (5 MIN)

CLUBHOUSE MEMORY VERSE activities teach children a memory verse in addition to the one they learn in Quest.

STAR SEARCH

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: activity cards (set of 20 cards)

WHAT YOU DO: Encourage children to sit in a circle. Say the memory verse and do the motions in front of the children. After reciting it a few times together, begin the activity.

WHAT YOU SAY: “Our Clubhouse memory verse helps us remember that God loves us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever!”

DURING THE ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU DO: Arrange the activity cards facedown in a four-by-five grid on the floor in the center of the eGroup space. Explain children will take turns turning over two cards. If they turn over two Christmas-themed cards, the child will return them to the same spots, facedown. If one of the cards they turn over has a star on it, they’ll stand up and say the memory verse. If both of the cards they turn over are star cards, they will say the memory verse with a friend. Any star cards that are turned over will remain faceup until the other star cards are found. Continue the activity until all four star cards are found. Then collect all the cards and play again.

MEMORY VERSE:

“For God (*point up*)

loved the world (*hug yourself*)

so much (*stretch arms wide*)

that he gave (*place hands together with palms up*)

his only Son.” (*pretend to rock a baby*)

John 3:16, GNT (*open hands like a book*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU DO: Give children the opportunity to say the memory verse on their own. Each child who can say the memory verse correctly will get 2,000 points.

NOTE: Children can say the memory verse from Clubhouse **or** Quest to earn points.



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QUEST LESSON PLAN



SERIES OVERVIEW

This month, we celebrate the beautiful gift of Jesus. We want preschoolers to say again and again, “God gave us Jesus.” We want it to live deep within their hearts so they grow to trust that God loves them so much that He gave them His one and only Son, Jesus, to be their friend forever. May we all pause under our own starry, starry night this year and remember the wonder of what we are celebrating — God gave us Jesus.

WEEKLY MAIN POINTS

Week 1: God told us He would give us Jesus.

Week 2: Jesus is born.

Week 3: The angels tell about Jesus.

WEEK 4: GOD GAVE US JESUS BECAUSE HE LOVES US.

WEEKLY BIBLE STORIES

Week 1: The Angel and Mary • Luke 1:26-33, 38, 46-49

Week 2: Jesus Is Born • Luke 2:1-7

Week 3: The Shepherds • Luke 2:8-20

WEEK 4: HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS! • THE CHRISTMAS STORY

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BIBLE CONNECT (10 MIN)

BIBLE CONNECT helps children make connections to the Bible by hearing and talking about the Bible story.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS! THE CHRISTMAS STORY

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: *Jesus Calling Storybook Bible*, Bible story stickers

WHAT YOU SAY: “We can find true stories in God’s Word, the Bible!”

DURING THE ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU DO: Show and read the Bible story from pages 144-149 in the *Jesus Calling Storybook Bible*. Ask the Bible story review questions. Each time a child answers a question correctly, give them a sticker.

WHAT YOU SAY: “Let’s see how much you remember from our Bible story!”

1. “Did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethel or Bethlehem?” (*Bethlehem*)
2. “What was the only place left for Mary and Joseph to rest?” (*a stable*)
3. “After baby Jesus was born, what did Mary wrap Him in to keep Him warm?” (*soft cloths*)
4. “Who was guarding their sheep in the fields nearby?” (*shepherds*)
5. “Did an angel tell the shepherds where they could find baby Jesus?” (*yes*)
6. “When they heard the good news, did the shepherds stay in the field or did they hurry to find baby Jesus?” (*they hurried to find baby Jesus*)
7. “After the shepherds found baby Jesus, did they spread the word to others?” (*yes*)
8. “What did the wise men follow to find baby Jesus?” (*a bright star in the sky*)
9. “When the wise men found baby Jesus in Bethlehem, did they give Him candy or gifts?” (*gifts*)
10. “God gave us His Son, Jesus, on that special night. Did God give us Jesus because He loves us?” (*yes*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU SAY: “The whole Christmas story is about the birth of Jesus, the most special person who ever lived! God showed us how much He loves us by giving us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. How do we know God loves us?” (*God gave us Jesus.*)

YOU CONNECT (10 MIN)

YOU CONNECT helps children make connections between the main point and their lives.

BUILD A STABLE

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: stable activity page (1 per child), stable characters (1 set of 4 per child), star stickers, glue sticks, scissors

WHAT YOU DO: Cut out the individual stable characters from each activity page before you begin the activity. Each child will receive one set of four pictures (camel, Mary and Joseph, cow and sheep, and baby Jesus).

WHAT YOU SAY: “Merry Christmas! On Christmas, we celebrate Jesus’ birthday. Everyone say, ‘Happy Birthday, Jesus!’ (*Encourage children to respond.*) Now let’s make a fun craft to help us remember what happened on the night Jesus was born!”

DURING THE ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU DO: Give each child a stable activity page and help them write their name on it. Then give each child one set of stable characters. Set the star stickers and glue sticks in the middle of the table where children can reach them. Explain they will decorate their stable activity page while you review the Christmas story by reading the list of prompts below.

WHAT YOU SAY:

- “The story begins with Mary and Joseph. They were about to be married when they heard the news that Mary would give birth to God’s Son, Jesus. Before Jesus was born, they traveled all the way to a town called Bethlehem. Glue the picture of Mary and Joseph inside the stable and say, ‘We’re on our way to Bethlehem!’”
- “When Mary and Joseph made it to Bethlehem, all of the rooms were full, so they had to sleep in a stable. There were many animals that lived in the stable, and they were there when Jesus was born. Glue both pictures of the animals inside the stable and make some animal noises.” (*e.g., cow, sheep, chicken, etc.*)
- “On that special night, God’s Son, Jesus, was born in the stable. Mary wrapped Him in cloth and placed Him in a manger. Jesus’ birth is why we celebrate Christmas! Glue the picture of baby Jesus inside the stable and say, ‘Happy Birthday, Jesus!’”
- “That night, God put a special star in the sky so people could find baby Jesus. The wise men followed the star to baby Jesus. They brought Him gifts fit for a king and celebrated His birth. Add some star stickers around the stable and say, ‘God gave us Jesus!’”

AFTER THE ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU SAY: “Great job! You can take your craft home. Every time you look at it, I want you to remember that God loves you so much, He gave you His Son, Jesus! How do we know God loves us? (*God gave us Jesus.*) Let’s bow our heads and close our eyes and thank God for giving us His Son, Jesus. *Dear God, thank You for teaching us the true story of Christmas. I pray we always remember that Christmas is about You giving us the best gift ever, JESUS! We love You, God! In Jesus’ name, amen.*”