



STORYTELLER SCRIPT

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2019

MAIN POINT: God told us He would give us Jesus. BIBLE STORY: The Angel and Mary ● Luke 1:26-33, 38, 46-49

WELCOME (1 MINUTE)

Purpose: Welcome children and introduce the key question.

STORYTELLER: "Hello friends, and welcome to Quest! This is the BEST time of year because Christmas is almost here! When I count to three, I want you to say, 'Merry Christmas!' Are you ready? One ... two ... three ..."

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Merry Christmas!"

STORYTELLER: "So many wonderful things happen during THIS time of year — like presents, decorations, and cookies! The BEST part is celebrating Jesus' birthday! God loves us, and He gave us His Son, Jesus. When I ask you this very important question, 'How do we know God loves us?,' you say, 'God gave us Jesus!' Let's practice! 'How do we know God loves us?'"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God gave us Jesus!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes, that's right! I'm so glad God sent Jesus to show us just how much He loves us, and that's something we can celebrate! Everyone stand up and help me sing a song called 'What Christmas is About."

SONG: "What Christmas Is About"

Purpose: Lead children in singing "What Christmas Is About" with the hand motions.

SONG: "Celebrate"

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MEMORY VERSE (3 MINUTES)

Purpose: Lead children in learning this month's verse.

STORYTELLER: "Thanks for worshiping with me, friends! You can have a seat. Now tell me, 'How do we know God loves us?'"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God gave us Jesus!"

STORYTELLER: "That's right! The Bible tells us that God showed us how much He loves us by giving us His Son, Jesus. That's what our memory verse is all about! Listen to the verse, then repeat it after me with the hand motions."

STORYTELLER: "God (point up with pointer fingers) has given (extend arms forward) a son (rock your arms like you're holding a baby) to us.' (thumbs to chest) Isaiah 9:6 (open hands like a book) Now let's say it together. Say it in an excited voice, like you just found the BIGGEST and BRIGHTEST star in the sky!"

Say the verse and encourage children to repeat it after you in an excited voice. Then practice the verse two more times together.

TRANSITION TO VIDEO (30 SECONDS)

Purpose: Introduce the Bible story and transition to the Wonder! Clubhouse video.

STORYTELLER: "Great job, friends! So, let me ask you, 'How do we know God loves us?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God gave us Jesus!"

STORYTELLER: "In today's Bible story, we're going to learn about an angel who visited a very special woman named Mary with some BIG news. Let's watch our favorite show, 'Wonder! Clubhouse,' to learn more."

VIDEO REVIEW (30 SECONDS)

Purpose: Review the lesson from the Wonder! Clubhouse video.

STORYTELLER: "WOW! God sent an angel to tell Mary the good news that she was going to have a baby boy and He would be God's Son. Now tell me, 'How do we know God loves us?'"

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PRAYER (1 MINUTE)

Purpose: Connect children with God through prayer.

STORYTELLER: "That's right! God loves us so much He gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. That is AMAZING! Now let's close our eyes and pray together."

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for loving us SO much that You gave us Your Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. You are amazing, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name, amen."

STORYTELLER: "Now it's time for you to head back to your Groups, where you're going to learn more about how the angel told Mary she would have a special baby."

DISMISSAL (1 MINUTE)

Purpose: Dismiss children back to their Quest Groups.

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