



STORYTELLER SCRIPT

WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2019

MAIN POINT: God gave us Jesus because He loves us.

BIBLE STORY: Happy Birthday Jesus! • The Christmas Story

WELCOME (1 MINUTE)

Purpose: Welcome children and introduce the key question.

STORYTELLER: “Hello friends, and welcome to Quest! Christmas is just a few days away and it’s almost time for Jesus’ birthday. On the count of three, I want everyone to say, ‘Happy Birthday Jesus’ as loud as you can! Are you ready? One ... two ... three ...”

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: “Happy Birthday Jesus!”

STORYTELLER: “Great job, friends! This month, we’ve been learning about what happened on the special night that Jesus was born. 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 a cheerful voice, like you’re cheering because it’s Jesus’ birthday!”

Say the verse and encourage children to repeat it after you in a cheerful 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?**’”

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STORYTELLER: “That’s right! In today’s Bible story, we’re going to hear the true story of Christmas. Let’s watch our favorite show, ‘Wonder! Clubhouse,’ to learn more and celebrate with a birthday party for Jesus!”

VIDEO REVIEW (30 SECONDS)

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

STORYTELLER: “Now you know the true Christmas story, and you can tell everyone about it! Now tell me, ‘**How do we know God loves us?**’”

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PRAYER (1 MINUTE)

Purpose: Connect children with God through prayer.

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STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for the true story of Christmas. Thank You so much for giving us Your Son. We’re so glad we get to celebrate Jesus’ birthday. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

STORYTELLER: “Now it’s time for you to head back to your Groups, where you’re going to continue to celebrate Jesus’ birthday and learn more about what happened on the night Jesus was born.”

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