



IN ADVANCE TO TEACH THE SESSION

GATHER Supplies

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LEARN

Welcome and worship with song

- "Joy, Joy, Joy (God Is Always With Me)" song

Tell the Bible story

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- "Jesus Was Born" video (optional)
- storytelling tips props (optional)
- baby care items (blanket, diaper, bottle)

Review

- Giant Timeline

Respond through song and prayer

- "That's What Jesus Did" song
- "Jesus Was Born (Away in a Manger)" song



LOVE

Play musical chairs

- music playing device
- box (optional)

Work Christmas card puzzles

- Christmas cards featuring scenes related to Jesus' birth
- ziplock bags

Create a snack scene

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- white paper plates
- permanent marker
- pretzel sticks or potato sticks
- animal crackers
- miniature marshmallows
- string cheese

Make pillows

- white paper lunch sacks, 1 per child
- tissue paper
- tape

Set up a manger scene

- non-breakable manger scenes



LIVE

Learn the Big Picture Question

- Big Picture Question Poster

Practice the Key Passage

- Key Passage Marker
- Key Passage Poster
- "God Loved the World (John 3:16)" song

Missions Moment

- "About Annie" missions video

Find and Match

- index cards
- non-breakable manger scene figures



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- "Joy, Joy, Joy (God Is Always With Me)" song

Tell the Bible story

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- "Jesus Was Dedicated" video (optional)
- storytelling tips props (optional)
- classroom guests: a mother and her baby
- baby doll (optional)

Review

- Giant Timeline

Respond through song and prayer

- "That's What Jesus Did" song
- "Jesus Was Born (Away in a Manger)" song



LOVE

Shape play dough faces

- paper plates

Draw and discover height

- "Measurement Card" printable, 1 copy per child
- tape measure

Build with blocks

- "Building Cards" printable
- wooden, interlocking, or magnetic tile blocks

Make baby footprint pictures

- plastic tablecloth
- paint smocks
- washable stamp pads
- wet wipes



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Missions Moment

- "Annie Armstrong Portrait" printable
- quart-size ziplock bags
- assortment of food or toiletries items such as granola bars, fruit cups, snack crackers, wet wipes, and hand sanitizer

Move, pop, and tell

- bubbles



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- "Joy, Joy, Joy (God Is Always With Me)" song

Tell the Bible story

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- "Wise Men Visited Jesus" video (optional)
- storytelling tips props (optional)
- star-shaped cutout
- flashlight

Review

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Respond through song and prayer

- "That's What Jesus Did" song
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LOVE



Stick the stars

- black construction paper
- star stickers, 1 sheet per child
- chalk or metallic crayons (optional)

Explore a sensory bin

- plastic containers
- gift wrap scraps
- gold ribbon or play jewelry

Play with transportation toys

- variety of transportation toys (cars, trains, airplanes,)
- plastic animal figures (camels, horses, donkeys)
- cardboard pieces (optional)

Smell scents

- empty travel-sized shampoo bottles
- cotton balls
- spices or extracts such as cinnamon, vanilla extract, nutmeg, cloves, ginger, pumpkin pie spice
- labels
- dry erase board and marker

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Missions Moment

- "Annie Armstrong's Legacy" missions video

Play a parachute game

- parachute or flat sheet
- beanbags, 3



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- "Joy, Joy, Joy (God Is Always With Me)" song

Tell the Bible story

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- "Jesus at the Temple" video (optional)
- storytelling tips props (optional)
- picture of a family trip (optional)

Review

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Respond through song and prayer

- "That's What Jesus Did" song
- "Jesus Was Born (Away in a Manger)" song



LOVE

Make paper plate puppets

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- paper plates, 1 per child
- large craft sticks, 1 per child
- tape

Explore classroom supplies

- dry erase boards
- dry erase markers
- sticky notes
- pencils
- teacher pointers (optional)

Celebrate with snacks

- tablecloth
- crepe paper streamers
- Bible times snack such as flatbread or a modern-day celebration snack such as cupcakes
- paper plates
- juice or water

Explore Bibles

- picture Bibles
- non-breakable magnifying glasses



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- "Annie Armstrong Portrait" printable

Search and find

- male people figure



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Welcome and worship with song

- "What Makes Jesus Different" song

Tell the Bible story

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- "John's Ministry Began" video (optional)
- storytelling tips props (optional)

Review

- Giant Timeline

Respond through song and prayer

- "We Love to Learn about Jesus" song
- "That's Who Jesus Is" song



LOVE

Explore a John sensory bin

- shallow plastic container
- strips of felt fabric or faux fur
- leather pieces
- plastic grasshoppers

Taste honey

- paper plates
- spoon
- honey
- pretzel sticks
- wet wipes

Prepare the way for Jesus

- poly spots or different-colored paper

Lace around the sandal

- "Sandal Lacing Card" printable, 1 copy per child on cardstock
- single hole punch
- 24-inch pieces of yarn, 1 per child
- masking tape
- shoe laces (optional)



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- "Send Kansas City" missions video



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Welcome and worship with song

- “What Makes Jesus Different” song

Tell the Bible story

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- “John Baptized Jesus” video (optional)
- storytelling tips props (optional)

Review

- Giant Timeline

Respond through song and prayer

- “We Love to Learn about Jesus” song
- “That’s Who Jesus Is” song



LOVE

Paint with watercolors

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- plastic tablecloth
- paint smocks
- washable watercolor paint
- paintbrushes
- watercolor paper or cardstock
- cups of water

Jump puddles

- blue construction paper
- tape

Make a lamb mask

- paper plates
- black construction paper
- cotton balls

Make music with water

- towels
- water
- pitcher
- glass cups or jars, 6
- jumbo craft sticks
- food color (optional)



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Practice the Key Passage

- Key Passage Marker
- Key Passage Poster
- “Among Us (John 1:14)” song

Missions Moment

- map of the United States

Say the story point

- bottle of water



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Welcome and worship with song

- “What Makes Jesus Different” song

Tell the Bible story

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- “Jesus Was Tempted” video (optional)
- storytelling tips props (optional)

Review

- Giant Timeline

Respond through song and prayer

- “We Love to Learn about Jesus” song
- “That’s Who Jesus Is” song



LOVE

Taste cinnamon toast

- sliced bread
- butter spread
- cinnamon-sugar mixture
- nonbreakable salt shaker
- plastic knives, 1 per child
- paper plates
- toaster oven

Paint rocks

- smocks
- washable paint
- rocks
- paintbrushes
- stickers (optional)

Explore the Bible

- “Colored Cube” printable on cardstock, 1 copy
- red, blue, and yellow paper strips; 1 of each color
- tape



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Missions Moment

- painter’s tape



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Welcome and worship with song

- “What Makes Jesus Different” song

Tell the Bible story

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- “Jesus’ First Followers” video (optional)
- storytelling tips props (optional)

Review

- Giant Timeline

Respond through song and prayer

- “We Love to Learn about Jesus” song
- “That’s Who Jesus Is” song



LOVE

Move with magnets

- paper clips
- magnet wands

Find the crowns

- sticky notes, 4

Zoom in on Jesus

- binoculars
- cardboard rolls, 2 (optional)

Make a fig tree

- brown construction paper strips, 1 per child
- white construction paper or cardstock, 1 per child
- green tissue paper squares
- purple craft-pom poms or round stickers
- fig-filled cookies (optional)



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Welcome and worship with song

- “Trust Jesus” song

Tell the Bible story

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- “Jesus’ First Miracle” video (optional)
- storytelling tips props (optional)

Review

- Giant Timeline

Respond through song and prayer

- “Let’s All Celebrate Jesus” song
- “He Came Into the World” song



LOVE

Change the water

- pitcher of water
- small paper cups, 3 per child
- food color or washable liquid watercolor
- craft sticks, 1 per child
- towels

Fill cups

- cotton balls
- large bucket
- plastic cups, 6 per group of 4–6 kids

Pick the best one

- jelly beans, 5 per child

Draw a miracle

- various illustrated children’s Bibles
- sticky notes
- colored pencils



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Learn the Big Picture Question

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Practice the Key Passage

- Key Passage Marker
- Key Passage Poster
- “Take Away Sins (1 John 3:5)” song

Missions Moment

- “Central Asian Peoples” missions video

Praise God

- ball
- music playing device



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LEARN



Welcome and worship with song

- “Trust Jesus” song

Tell the Bible story

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- “Jesus at Passover” video (optional)
- storytelling tips props (optional)
- foreign currency
- local currency

Review

- Giant Timeline

Respond through song and prayer

- “Let’s All Celebrate Jesus” song
- “He Came Into the World” song

LOVE



Knock them down

- dominoes

Open a restaurant

- “Kids’ Menu” printable, 4 copies
- play money
- toy food
- plastic plates and silverware

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Practice the Key Passage

- Key Passage Marker
- Key Passage Poster
- “Take Away Sins (1 John 3:5)” song
- index cards, 5
- Bibles, 5

Missions Moment

- “Central Asia Map” printable

Make a coin rubbing

- various coins
- unwrapped crayons
- masking tape (optional)



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- “Trust Jesus” song

Tell the Bible story

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- “Jesus and Nicodemus” video (optional)
- storytelling tips props (optional)
- class picture with elementary school teacher (optional)

Review

- Giant Timeline

Respond through song and prayer

- “Let’s All Celebrate Jesus” song
- “He Came Into the World” song

LOVE



Find baby items

- baby clothes, bottles, and other items used to take care of babies

Make and display snakes

- craft sticks, 2 per preschooler
- glue dots, 1 per preschooler

Decorate a party hat

- party hats, 1 per child
- stickers
- decorative tape

Shine the light

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- flashlight

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Practice the Key Passage

- Key Passage Marker
- Key Passage Poster
- “Take Away Sins (1 John 3:5)” song
- sticky notes
- poster board

Missions Moment

- “Sharing Jesus” missions video

Learn from Jesus

- beanbag



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Tell the Bible story

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- “John Pointed to Jesus” video (optional)
- storytelling tips props (optional)
- wedding picture of a bridal party

Review

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Respond through song and prayer

- “Let’s All Celebrate Jesus” song
- “He Came Into the World” song



LOVE

Wash blocks

- large interlocking blocks
- plastic containers, 1 per group of 2 or 3 preschoolers
- towels, 1 per group of 2 or 3 preschoolers
- sponges, brushes, or washcloths
- water

Make a river

- blue butcher paper
- blue plastic tablecloth (optional)
- toy boats or fish (optional)

Match the Gospels

- index cards



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- alphabet beads
- chenille stems



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Tell the Bible story

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- “Jesus and the Samaritan Woman” video (optional)
- storytelling tips props (optional)
- water bottle

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Respond through song and prayer

- “Let’s All Celebrate Jesus” song
- “He Came Into the World” song



LOVE

Fill the cup

- large plastic bin with a few inches of water
- cups
- ladies
- towels

Reveal the message

- plastic tablecloth
- smocks
- white crayons
- white cardstock, 1 per child
- washable watercolor paint
- paintbrushes
- cups of water

Make and serve lemonade

- nonbreakable pitcher
- powdered lemonade drink mix
- water
- mixing spoon

Sing and remember

- water bottle



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