

JESUS IS OUR RESCUER



Bible Reference: Luke 2

Date: 12/21/25

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

1st Service

Memory Verse:

"And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" Isaiah 9:6

Schedule

- Welcome/ Intro Activity.....5 minutes
 - Kindergarten in Large Group Lesson @ 9:20.....15-20 minutes
- Circle Time and Bible Story.....10 minutes
- Movement Activity.....10 minutes
- Craft.....5-7 minutes
- Music.....5 minutes
- Global Partner Feature.....5-7 minutes
- Prayer and Bible Verse.....10 minutes
- Snack/ Discussion Time.....5-7 minutes
- Group Game.....10 minutes
- Additional Activities.....As Needed

Notes and Reminders

Happy final Kid Min Sunday of 2025! We are so grateful for all of the ways you have loved and served the children and families of LEFC this year! We cannot wait to see how God will move in the hearts of our children in 2026. We will see you in January!



SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

The announcement of the birth of Jesus came in a completely unexpected way. Instead of announcing the birth of the Savior in the halls of power or the seats of religion, God chose for a group of shepherds on the outskirts of Bethlehem to be the first to hear of Christ's birth. The announcement from angels to the shepherds watching over their flocks was significant not only because of the message they gave, but also for the people to whom it was given.

Shepherds spent their days on the fringes of society taking care of animals. Living on the outskirts made it difficult for these shepherds to make it to synagogue and participate in the daily spiritual life of their community. Because these shepherds constantly worked with livestock and were regularly exposed to manure and dead animals, they would have been considered unclean according to Jewish law.

It was no accident that God choose often overlooked and outcast shepherds as the ones to whom the angels would give the announcement of Jesus' birth. This announcement was a powerful statement about the nature of the kingdom of God. God's kingdom is for all people, and no one is outside of God's plan to know of His love.

The long expected announcement was remarkable. Jesus had been born in the city of David for all people. Three significant titles are used here to describe why that is good news for all people. First, Jesus is the Savior—the one who rescues people from sin. Next, He is the **Messiah**, the Anointed One of God who came to lead God's people into God's kingdom. Finally, He is the Lord, the ruler of all the universe.

The shepherds' response to this glorious news included curiosity, awe, and obedience. This Christmas, may we do everything we can to see Jesus, adore Him for who He is, and boldly proclaim the truth that Jesus is Savior, **Messiah**, and the Lord.

JUNIOR SHEPHERD HIGHLIGHT

Shepherds lived and worked far away from towns, spending their time taking care of sheep. Because they were always outside and around dirty animals, people often thought they were “unclean” and didn’t let them fully participate in religious activities. **Many** people looked down on them.

But God chose these ordinary, overlooked shepherds to be the first ones to hear the angels announce Jesus’ birth. This wasn’t an accident—God was showing that His kingdom is for everyone, even those others might ignore.

The angel’s message was amazing: Jesus had been born in the city of David, and His birth was good news for all people. The angel used three important titles to explain who Jesus is:

- **Savior** — the one who saves people from their sins
- **Messiah** — God’s chosen leader who would guide His people
- **Lord** — the ruler over everything in the universe

The shepherds reacted with curiosity, amazement, and obedience. They hurried to see Jesus for themselves.

This Christmas, we can respond the same way—by seeking Jesus, worshiping Him, and sharing the truth that He is our **Savior, Messiah, and Lord.**

OUTLINE



Welcome and Intro Activity

5 minutes

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

- Encourage children to help you count different items in the room. Items you can count include Bibles, baby dolls, children, leaders, and blocks.
- **SAY** You counted different things in our room. In today's Bible story, we will learn how the emperor of Rome sent out an order for everyone to go to their hometown to be counted. This brought **Mary** and **Joseph** to a city called Bethlehem. Do you know what happened while they were there? [Allow responses.] We will talk all about it during our Bible story time!

Circle Time and Bible Story

10 minutes

Thinking Activity

- Show and talk about a baby announcement.
- **SAY** Look at this! [Show baby announcement.] This is a special announcement about a baby being born. Sometimes a family will give or send an announcement like this to their friends and family! Why do you think they do that? [Allow responses.] They want to let everyone know how excited they are to have a new baby! They want to celebrate. In our story today, a very special baby named Jesus was born. Jesus was born to rescue us from sin.

Bible Story

- During the time **Mary** was waiting for Baby Jesus to be born, the emperor of Rome sent out an order: "Everyone must return to his hometown to be counted!" **Joseph** and **Mary** traveled to Bethlehem. While they were there, the time came for **Mary** to have her baby. **Mary** and **Joseph** looked for a safe place for **Mary** to have her baby, but every place was full. So, **Mary** and **Joseph** found a place where animals were kept, and that is where **Mary** had her baby, Jesus. She wrapped Him in cloth so He would be snug and warm, and she laid Him in a manger. In the same area, some shepherds were watching their sheep out in the fields. All of a sudden, an angel of the Lord stood before them and a bright line shone around them. The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I have very good news for you: Today a Savior, who is **Messiah** the Lord, was born for you in the city of David. Go find the baby. He will be wrapped in cloth and lying in a feeding trough." The shepherds went straight to Bethlehem to find Baby Jesus. They found Him, and they told others what the angel had said about Him. Then the shepherds returned to their fields, praising God because everything had happened just as the angels said.

Review Activity

- Place a nonbreakable manger scene in a brown paper bag. Guide each child to pull out an item. Encourage him to retell the part of the story that matches his item
- **SAY** You helped share the story of Jesus' birth. Do you remember why Jesus was born? [Allow responses.] Jesus was not like other babies. Jesus came to Rescue us from sin.





Movement Activity

10 minutes

Lead children in doing motions and singing the following song to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star:

- "Glory, glory, to our God. (clap hands)
- Mary, Joseph went so far. (walk in place)
- They had a baby named Jesus. (pretend to rock baby)
- He came from heav'n to rescue us. (point upward)
- Glory, glory, to our God. (clap hands)
- Jesus, Jesus, rescues us. (hug yourself)

SAY That song is such a great reminder of our Bible story. Mary and Joseph traveled all the way to Bethlehem. What happened while they were there? [Allow responses.] That's right! Jesus was born. That's something to celebrate! But why was Jesus born? Jesus came to rescue us from sin. We can remember this is the greatest gift and give all the glory to God! How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him.

Craft

5-7 minutes

Write **GOOD NEWS** in large block letters on cardstock for each child. Encourage the children to use a variety of art supplies including red, green, and metallic craft pom-poms, glitter glue, and tissue paper to glue onto the outline of each letter. Children can also use washable markers and crayons to draw on the letters or decorate their pages.

SAY This page says **GOOD NEWS**. Can anyone tell me what the good news was in our story today? [Allow responses.] That's right! Jesus came to rescue us from sin. We sin when we break God's rules. All sin deserves to be punished, but God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from the punishment our sin deserves. That is such good news!

Music

5 minutes

You will find music and other video resources on the USB which is already plugged into the TV. Feel free to play the videos in any order you like! You may distribute the Activity Page for the children to complete at this time, if they would prefer to sit and listen to the music.

Friends From Afar

5-7 minutes

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.





Prayer and Bible Verse

10 minutes

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- God, thank You for sending Your only Son, Jesus, from heaven to earth. Thank You that He came to rescue us from our sin. This is such good news! God, draw near to each child. I pray they will know you as their Rescuer! Amen.

Bible Verse

- "And he will be called **Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**" Isaiah 9:6
- Teach the children the motions for this verse.
 - And he will be called- point one finger to your mouth
 - **Wonderfull Counsellor**- tap your temples
 - **Mighty God**- flex your arms like muscles
 - **Everlasting Father**- tap your wrist (like a watch)
 - **Prince of peace**- hold your hands in front of your chest like you are praying
- Have the kids join you in saying the verse and doing the motions several times to practice. Ask the children if anyone would like to do the verse on their own. If someone needs help, have them pick a friend or do it with them. If no one volunteers, repeat as a class twice more.


Snack and Discussion Time

5-7 minutes

Have children sanitize their hands before passing out snacks and cups of water. During this time, you can connect with children and discuss questions regarding the lesson.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
3. Whose birth do we celebrate at Christmastime? (Jesus)
4. Why do we celebrate Jesus's birth? (Because Jesus came to rescue us from sin.)
5. How can we glorify God this Christmas season? (Sing praises to Him, obey Him, pray to Him, tell others about Him)
6. How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him.

SAY Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem to be counted. While they were there, Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Him in cloth placed Him in a manger. Jesus came to rescue us from sin. An angel came to some shepherds and told them to go to Jesus, and they did. The shepherds told others the good news of Jesus and praised His name! Jesus was not like other babies; He is God's Son. God sent Jesus to earth from heaven to save people from their sins.





Group Game

10 minutes

- Before the session, use scissors to cut paper tubes into two u-shaped halves, then cut the halves into one-foot sections. Prepare enough for each child to have one section. Guide children to take their tube and stand in a line, side-by-side. Place a bucket with table tennis balls at one end, and an empty bucket at the other end. Challenge children to hold up their section of the paper tube with the rest of the children to make a path, so the ball can travel down and land in the empty bucket. Encourage the children to play this game by trying to “rescue” as many balls as possible by allowing the balls to roll down the path and into the other bucket.
- **SAY** What a fun game! You rescued the balls. Do you remember from our Bible story who needs rescuing? [Allow responses.] We all need rescuing from our sin. Jesus came to rescue us from sin. This good news is really something to celebrate!

Additional Activities

As Needed

Sing Christmas Carols

- Use the music sheet in your bin to sing some traditional Christmas songs with the children. You may need to sing each song several times for the children to know the words if they have not heard the song before. After each song, talk about what the words mean, to help the children understand why we sing these songs at Christmastime!



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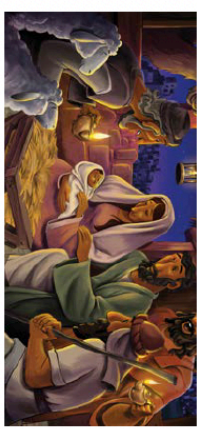
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Jesus Is Our Rescuer

Luke 2

STORY POINT:

Jesus came to rescue us from sin.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus was born! This was very good news. Jesus was not like other babies; He is God's Son. God sent Jesus to earth from heaven to save people from their sins. .

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 10:31

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him.

Scan the QR code
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use at home!



Color the Rescue Story

INSTRUCTIONS: Color each shape the same color that is in the circle to reveal the pictures.

