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MAKE IT TRUE - RUG

After children have participated in Make It Fun, gather them on a rug or in the corner of a room for a large group time that includes worship and Bible Story.

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship and then settle them for the memory verse and Bible story.

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.

FIRST LOOK OFFERS A WEEKLY BIBLE STORY ON OUR DVD TITLED "WONDER, LOOK AT GOD'S STORY," WHICH YOU MAY CHOOSE TO USE RATHER THAN A LIVE STORYTELLER THIS WEEK. THIS DVD IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT WWW.ORANGESTORE.ORG



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BASIC TRUTH

JESUS WANTS TO BE
MY FRIEND FOREVER.

KEY QUESTION

WHY IS JESUS SPECIAL?

BOTTOM LINE

JESUS IS GOD'S SON.

MEMORY VERSE

"I bring you good news of great
joy." Luke 2:10, NLV

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

The angel told Mary she would
have a special baby.
The Angel and Mary
• Luke 1:26-33, 38, 46

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" (from the Week One Activity Pages on the Website) in your Bible at Luke 2:10. You will also need a CD player and this month's worship song, "Away in a Manger 2016," which you will need to download from the Website. You will also need a Bible.

LEADER: "Hello, friends! It's so good to see you! It's almost Christmas! We're going to be celebrating Jesus' birthday all month long. That's what Christmas is—celebrating Jesus' birthday. And we celebrate Jesus because **Jesus is God's Son**. Whoop! I'm so excited. And when I ask you this very important question: 'Why is Jesus special?' I want you to say, '**Jesus is God's Son.**' Let's try it. **Why is Jesus special?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**Jesus is God's Son.**"

LEADER: "Great job! You guys are awesome! Let's sing our new song!"

Lead children in singing "Away in a Manger 2016," this month's worship song.

"What incredible singers you are! This is going to be a fantastic month! **Why is Jesus special?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**Jesus is God's Son.**"

LEADER: "That's right! **Jesus is God's Son**. Our memory verse tells us all about the good news that Jesus is born. Watch me say it and do the motions, and then you can do it with me. I bring you (start with hands up and bring them in to chest like catching a football) good news (right arm up with jazz hand) of great joy (left arm up with jazz hand), Luke 2:10 (NLV). (Open your hands like a book.) Let's try that together."

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I bring you (start with hands up and bring them in to chest like catching a football) good news (right arm up with jazz hand) of great joy (left arm up with jazz hand), Luke 2:10." (Open your hands like a book.) (Repeat several times.)

LEADER: "Great job, everyone! You know, Christmas is a very special day because we celebrate a very special baby. Now what made this baby so special?"

"Could He do . . . karate? (Pause.) Um, no. Was this baby special because He could he sing opera? (Pause.) Okay, the baby wasn't an opera singer either. So, if He didn't know karate and couldn't sing like an opera star, just what made this baby so special? This baby was the most special baby ever because . . . well, let me tell you a story from the Bible all about it.



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(Open up Bible.) "Our TRUE story begins with a young woman named Mary. A big, bright angel appeared to Mary. Mary was so afraid! Show me your afraid faces! *(Make a scared face.)* Wow! You guys look really afraid. Mary had never seen an angel before. She didn't know what to do and she was afraid! But she didn't need to be scared, because the angel came to give Mary a super important message.

"Quick, everyone turn on your listening ears so you can hear the super important message. *(Pretend to 'turn on' your ears.)* The angel said to Mary, 'Don't be afraid. God loves you. And you are going to have a very special baby. You will call him Jesus and he is . . .' drumroll on your legs, everyone; go ahead drumroll like this! *(Pat your legs.)* 'He is God's Son!' WOW.

"That's why the baby is special. He's Jesus, God's Son! And we celebrate His birthday on Christmas because He is God's special gift to us. And when Mary heard this, she said to the angel, 'I love God and I will do whatever he says.'

"And from then on, Mary counted down the days to Christmas too. She was waiting for the day the special baby would be born.

"Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's Son. Say it with me. **Why is Jesus special?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus is God's Son."

LEADER: "Let's pray and thank God for the promise the angel made to Mary. She would have a special baby named Jesus. **Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's Son.**"

"Dear God, thank You SO much for Christmas! Thank You for sending the angel to tell Mary about this special baby—Jesus! We know that Jesus is Your Son. We are SO excited to celebrate His birthday. Thank You for sending Jesus to us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."