



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 angels tell about Jesus.
Shepherds • Luke 2:6-18**

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: "Yay! I'm so glad to see you today! It's so much fun to sing with you. It's almost our very special day. Only one more week until we celebrate Jesus' birthday on Christmas! **Why is Jesus special?**"

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

LEADER: "Great job! Let's sing this month's song."

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

"Great singing, my friends. Remember, **Jesus is God's Son. Why is Jesus special?**"

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

LEADER: "Exactly. **Jesus is God's Son.** It's time to practice our memory verse. Are you ready? 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: "You are all AMAZING at that verse! Have you shown your parents yet? How about your brother and sister? How about all your good friends? Make sure you show them today! Today I want to tell you all about the night that Jesus was born. After all, that's why we celebrate Christmas, right? Because Christmas is Jesus' birthday!

"You probably remember that last week we talked about how Jesus was born in a stable. Do you remember that? Well, on the night Jesus was born, there were some shepherds out in a field doing what they normally did—watching and caring for their sheep.

"The shepherds were just watching their sheep when all of a sudden an angel appeared to them. And they were terrified! Can you show me some scared faces like



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this. (*Make a scared face.*) Whoa, you look very scared. But don't worry, my shepherding friends! Here's what the angel said in my special angel voice.

(*Clear throat and speak with a booming voice.*) "Don't be afraid! I bring you GOOD news of GREAT joy! The baby has been born! He's God's Son! Go find Him in the manger!

"Suddenly the WHOLE sky filled with angels, praising God and saying 'Glory to God in the highest!' Let's all sing that together with the angels! 'Glory to God in the highest!' One more time! 'Glory to God in the highest!' Great job guys!

"After the angels left, the shepherds took off and found Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. It was TRUE! Jesus was here! Once they saw Jesus, they knew how special He was and they ran to tell EVERYONE that Jesus, God's Son, had been born. **Why is Jesus special?**"

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

LEADER: "That's right! It was SUCH exciting news! The shepherds couldn't wait to tell everyone that Jesus had come. He came for me and for you—for everyone! **Why is Jesus special?**"

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

LEADER: "Yes! Great job! **Jesus is God's Son!** Let's pray."

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to us. We want to be just like the shepherds and tell everyone about Jesus. We want everyone to know that He is special because Jesus is YOUR Son! What an awesome gift You gave us when You sent Jesus to us. We love You. Amen."