



# **BIG IDEA**

We can worship Jesus.

# THE BIBLE

The Wise Men and Shepherds: Luke 2:8-20; Matthew 2:1-12

#### **WELCOME TIME**

Heroes meet in the Youth Room for worship.

# **ACTIVITY** | What is Worship?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, place a bin/basket full of musical instruments in the room. These instruments can include cymbals, harmonicas, kazoos, tambourines, small drums, toy pianos, etc. Allow each kid to pick an instrument and play as loud as they want.
- Today, we are talking all about worship! **Can anyone tell me what worship is?** It is anything that praises or celebrates God! When we worship God, it makes God happy!
- So, sometimes we worship by praying, by being kind to others, by singing and dancing, or by listening and obeying our parents and teachers. Today, we are going to worship by making some music! Everyone grab an instrument and play as loud as you can!

## **TEACHING TIME**

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- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a piece of yellow construction paper and help them roll it into a cone shape. Tape the paper so it stays in the cone shape and makes a "trumpet."
- How any of you have ever played an instrument? Today, we are going to play some of our very own instruments. We're going to make our own trumpets!
- Everyone help me blow on our trumpets! One, two, three, blow!



## MAIN EVENT | WEEK 3 PRESCHOOL LESSON

- Our trumpets remind me of a celebration! We celebrate when we are excited about something or when we want to worship!
- Today, our Big Idea is: We can worship Jesus! Let's all say that together: We can worship Jesus!

## VIDEO | Main Event, Episode 3

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's preschool <u>teaching video</u>. (<u>Main Event Preschool Week 3 on Vimeo</u>)

# SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:8-20; Matthew 2:1-12

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Place a baby doll wrapped in a blanket inside of a "manger" (like last week) at the front of the room. Wrap three boxes to look like presents. Have a few kids pretend to be sheepherds and other kids pretend to be sheep and follow along! As you tell the story of the wise men bringing Jesus gifts, ask three kids to volunteer to take the gifts and walk them over to the baby laying in the "manger."
- Last week, we talked about the amazing birth of Jesus! Jesus' parents, Mary and Joseph, traveled from the city of Nazareth to the town of David, called Bethlehem! There, Jesus was placed in a manger, because there were no rooms available for Jesus and his family.
- There were shepherds out in the fields nearby taking care of their sheep. Then, an angel appeared to them. They were scared, but the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid! I bring you good news for everyone! Today, a Savior has been born to you. Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Then, a large group of angels appeared and started praising God!
- The shepherds couldn't wait to go see the baby the angel had told them about! They began traveling to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and a baby lying in a manger, just like the angel said! After the shepherds saw the baby, they went out and told everyone. All who heard the story were amazed.
- Some time later, wise men who came to visit Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. These gifts
  were considered special and important during the time Jesus was born. Just like we
  get presents on our birthdays sometimes, Jesus also got gifts! Everyone who heard of
  Jesus being born wanted to celebrate and worship!

# ACTIVITY | Present Pass

- We heard about shepherds and wise men who were so excited to celebrate and worship Jesus' birthday, some of them brought Jesus gifts!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, wrap ten boxes to look like presents. Split the kids into two teams and tell them to line up across the room. Place a pile of five presents at one end of each line. Tell the kids to pass the presents one at a time as fast as they can down the line. The person at the end must stack the presents in a tower. If any of the presents fall, they have to start all over again.



# MAIN EVENT | WEEK 3 PRESCHOOL LESSON

#### **PRAYER**

 Dear God, Thank You for everything You've done for us. You've given us food, clothes, a home, and most of all, You gave us Jesus! We worship You, just like the shepherds and wise men did.

## **DISCUSSION TIME**

#### ACTIVITY | Confetti Fun

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** Pass out the "Confetti Fun" printable. Once they finish coloring, give them each a pieces of confetti to glue onto their page with a glue stick.

MEMORY VERSE | Luke 1:46-47 (NIV)

#### **PLAY TIME**

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids .

#### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a coloring page along with crayons, markers, or colored pencils. Remind them of today's story, memory verse, and Big Idea as they color!

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.