



WEEK
ONE
JULY 2024

LARGE GROUP

2 YEAR
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PRELUDE

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10 MINUTES

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LEADER: "It's story time! My name is [your name]. Come sit with me!"

Wait for the children to gather around.

"I'm so happy to see you because I have some good news to tell you. Touch your ears if you're ready to hear a true story from the Bible about some very good news!"

Touch your ears.

"Very good! I see that you're ready for a story!"

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

"Today, we're going to tell the Bible Story together. Our story begins with shepherds taking care of their sheep."

"Let's pretend we're sheep. Sheep say, 'Baa-baa!' Crawl with me, like a sheep, and say, 'Baa-baa!'"

Crawl around with the children while saying, "Baa-baa!"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Baa-baa! Baa-baa! Baa-baa!"

LEADER: "Good job, little sheep! Come back and sit with me."

"While the shepherds were watching their sheep, an angel came and told them some very good news! The angel said:"

Cup hands around mouth.

"I bring you good news of great joy for all people! Jesus has been born!' Let's put our hands around our mouth, like this, and say: 'Jesus has been born!'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus has been born! Jesus has been born! Jesus has been born!"

LEADER: "Wonderful! When the shepherds heard the good news, they ran to see baby Jesus! Let's stand up and run like the shepherds!"

Lead the children in running slowly around the room while saying, "Jesus has been born!"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus has been born! Jesus has been born! Jesus has been born!"

LEADER: "We're here! Come sit with me, again."

"When the shepherds saw baby Jesus, Jesus gave them so much joy that they ran to tell everyone the good news about Jesus! Stand up and let's run like the shepherds again!"



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CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus has been born! Jesus has been born! Jesus has been born!"

LEADER: "Way to go! Now come sit with me."

Gather the children around you.

"The good news is that Jesus was born to give everyone in the world joy. That means Jesus came to give you joy . . . and you joy . . . and you joy . . . (*say this as you point to each child*)! So when I ask you, '**Who gives you joy?**', I want you to say, '**Jesus gives me joy!**' Ready? **Who gives you joy?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**Jesus gives me joy!**"

LEADER: "Again! **Who gives you joy?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**Jesus gives me joy!**"

Clap with the children.

LEADER: "Yay! **Jesus gives me joy!** **[Transition]** Our story time is over (*pick up and close Bible*), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to give everyone in the world joy. We love You. In Jesus' name. Amen."

[Transition] "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

Leader dismisses small groups or leads small group to first activity.