3 & 4 YEAR OLD LESSON PLAN



December 11, 2022 \\ Jesus is Born

Bible Passage: Isaiah 9 and Luke 2

Jesus was born! This was very good news! Jesus was not like other babies. Jesus is God's Son. God sent Jesus to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to bring peace between people and God.

First Service

8:15 - 9:00 Check-ins and Playtime

> **9:00 - 9:10** Snack

9:10 - 9:35 Circle Time | Welcome, Story Time, and Worship

> **9:35 - 9:45** Group Activity

> > **9:45- 9:55** Craft

9:45 - end Free Play and Pick-up

Second Service

10:30 - 11:15 Check-ins and Playtime

> **11:15 - 11:25** Snack

11:25 - 11:50 Circle Time | Welcome, Story Time, and Worship

> **11:50 - 12:00** Group Activity

12:00 - 12:10 Craft

12:10 - end Free Play and Pick-up

TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONS (NOTE - you might want to set this up before kids arrive):

- 1. Turn on the TV. The power button is on the left side on the back of the TV
- 2. Turn on the iPad (Password: 1954)
- 3. Mirror the iPad to the TV
 - A. Using your finger, swipe from the top right corner, diagonally to the center of the screen)
 - B. Select "Screen Mirroring"
 - C. Select **"three-and-four-year-old-room"** (once connected, everything you do on the iPad should now be seenon the TV)
- 4. Select "Google Slides" and find the current Preschool lesson (they are dated).
- 5. On the top right of the screen, select the **sideways triangle (play) button**.
- 6. Select "Present to external display"
- 7. The slides for the lesson should now clearly be seen on the TV. On the iPad, select "next" to move to the next slide. You also might need to select **"Play** video."
- 8. For music you can either plug the iPad into the speaker OR stay connected to the TV and play through the TV.

CHECK-INS & PLAYTIME

8:15 - 9:00 \\ 10:30 - 11:15

- Welcome families and receive kids as they are arrive.
- Remind the parents that their child's safety is our highest priority. For the safety of their child, we must see their Security Label at pick-up, and if their child needs them before the service ends, we will TEXT them.

Playtime \\ There are activity pages that go along with todays lesson available for the 3 & 4 year olds to color

SNACK 9:00 - 9:10 \\ 11:15 - 11:25

- 1. Have kids sit around the tables and pass out a cup of Goldfish crackers (Chex are available for those who are gluten and dairy free), a cup of water, and a napkin to each 3 & 4 year old. Encourage them not to eat until after you have prayed.
- 2. Invite a child to pray for the food.
- 3. Enjoy!

CIRCLE TIME

Welcome Song

- 1. Come together to sit on the carpet.
- 2. Welcome the kids and sing "Who Came to Church Today" to the tune of "Pop Goes the Weasel"

"Who Came to Church Today" lyrics

Who came to church today, church today, church today?

Who came to church today?

What's your name?

Point to a child, allow them to answer, and then everyone greets them saying "Hi __!"

Story Time

- 1. Open in a 1-2 sentence prayer.
- 2. Place a bookmark at Luke 2 in your Bible. Invite a preschooler to open it. Reverently display the open Bible
- 3. Explain to preschoolers that the Bible tells us the true story of Jesus' birth. In the Old Testament Book of Isaiah, the prophet Isaiah said the Rescuer, or Prince of Peace, would come. In the New Testament Book of Luke, we can read the story of Jesus' birth.

- 4. Play the lesson video.
- 5. Retell the story/scripture using the provided storytelling images.
- 6. Discussion Questions
 - 1. Where did Mary put Baby Jesus? (*in a manger*)
 - 2. Who heard the news that a Savior was born? (the shepherds)
 - 3. Who told the shepherds this good news? (an angel)
 - 4. Where did the shepherds go to find Baby Jesus? (Bethlehem)

Worship

Lead the preschoolers in worship! Instructions:

- 1. Open Select 3-5 worship songs from the Preschool Worship Playlist in **Spotify** on the iPad.
- 2. Continue playing the iPad on the TV or plug the iPad into the classroom speaker.
- 3. Ask the preschoolers **"When we worship, who are we singing too?"** (Answer: JESUS!)
- 4. Lead the selected preschool worship songs using hand motions. If you don't

GROUP ACTIVITY

9:35 - 9:45 \\ 11:50 - 12:00

Play out the Story

Supplies

- Prepared nativity scene blocks
- Storytelling images and script

Instructions

Using the storytelling images and script as a guide, have the kids help you retell the story by acting it out with the blocks.

Say | Jesus is God's Son, the Prince of Peace. Jesus was born to bring peace between us and God/ God loves us and sent Jesus to earth to forgive us.



Christmas Ornament

Supplies:

- · White circle cutout with verse
- Yellow rectangle cutout
- Piece of green tissue paper
- Piece of red tissue paper
- String
- Coloring supplies
- Glue sticks
- Hole punch

Instructions:

1. Color the verse side of the ornament To make it look like a bulb





- 2. Glue the yellow cutout to the top of the ornament
- 3. Tear up and glue the tissue paper to the back of the ornament
- 4. Hole punch and string the yellow rectangle so they can hang it on their Christmas tree.

FREE PLAY / PICK-UP

9:55 - end \\ 12:10 - end

As kids are getting picked up, check each security label. If they lost their label come find the coordinator who will help verify the guardian.

Send the child home with their craft and Activity Page. Show the parent that there are some activities they can do during the week to help disciple their kids at home.

Thank you 3 and 4 year old Volunteers!