



Have fun learning and playing  
with your preschooler!



First, watch  
this week's  
video!



### Bible Story

The Shepherds  
(Luke 2:8-20)

### Remember This

"God loved the world  
so much that he gave  
his only Son."  
John 3:16, GNT

### Say This

Why is Jesus special?  
Jesus is God's Son.

## Activity 1

### Match It Up

- Christmas Pictures Large & Small [Print in Color.](#) [Print in B&W](#)
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Wall tape

Copy "Christmas Pictures" on cardstock. Cut apart the small "Christmas Pictures". Tape the large "Christmas Pictures" on the walls at your kids eye level.

**Say:** Do you see the pictures I hung around the room? I have pictures in this stack that match the pictures on the wall! One at a time, I want you to grab a picture then run with it to its matching picture. Then, you can head back to the center to let someone else have a turn. Go ahead and select a picture! Oh look, it's a [picture's name]. Do you see a matching picture on the wall? Run to it! That was fun! Let's talk about these pictures. This month we've been talking about how God gave us Jesus! (Hold up the picture of the angel.) An angel told Mary (hold up the picture of Mary) that she would have a baby. (Hold up the picture of the baby Jesus.) In today's story, some shepherds run (hold up the picture of the sheep) to see Baby Jesus.

## Activity 2

### Candy Cane Lacing

- "Candy Cane Lacing Cards" [Print in Color.](#) [Print in B&W](#)
- Cardstock
- Single hole punch
- Scissors
- Yarn

Copy the "Candy Cane Lacing Cards" Activity Page on cardstock and cut out. Punch out holes around the candy cane as indicated by the circles along the edge. Cut pieces of yarn long enough to thread through the holes around the candy cane. Thread one end of the yarn through a hole in each candy cane and tie around the edge to secure.

**Say:** This candy cane looks like a shepherd's hook. They use these to guide their sheep to the best grass! One night, a group of shepherds were out in the field, tending their sheep, when an angel appeared with some amazing news! Jesus had been born. Then a whole choir of angels filled the sky! What did the shepherds do? (Pause.) Yes, they ran to see Baby Jesus." I have a special candy cane card for each of you. We'll practice lacing this yarn around the card like this." (Demonstrate.) "Great lacing! I'm so glad the shepherds ran to see Baby Jesus! They were so happy that they told everyone Jesus was born. They knew that Jesus is SO special. Why is Jesus special? Because [Bottom Line] Jesus is God's Son."

## Prayer

"Dear God, Thank You for the people who have told us the good news that Jesus is Your Son and He wants to be our friend forever. Help us to tell people about Jesus too. We want everyone to know the good news that Jesus is Your Son and He wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."