

WEEK 4

BIBLE LESSON



Need to Know: *God Sent His Son to Be the Savior of the World*

Bible Story: *From Adam and Eve to Jesus' Birth (Luke 2:5-7)*

Supplies: *Attached picture cards (printed & cut), Bible Story Sheet*

1. SAY: *We can find out all about the greatest gift ever in the Bible. I have a game for us to play while I tell you some true stories from the Bible.*
2. PASS all of the **Picture Cards** out to the kids, and SAY: *As I'm reading, listen for me to say what's on your Card. When you hear me say it, hold it up really fast and show it to us.*
3. READ the **Bible Story Sheet** out loud, helping kids know when to raise their Card if needed. Then, ASK:
 - *True or False: Because of our sin, we can't be friends with God. (True) It's sad, but it's true. The good news is that God did something to fix our friendship!*
 - *Who can fix our friendship with God? (Jesus)*
4. SAY: *God loved us so much that He wanted to be friends with us again. God sent His Son, Jesus, to save everyone in the world. That's why we call Him our Savior!*

As you READ the following story, kids should hold up a **Picture Card** for each underlined word. Some **Cards** will be held up more than once.

In the beginning of time, God was best friends with Adam and Eve. They lived in a garden. Does anyone know the name of the garden where they lived? (The Garden of Eden) There was only one rule God gave to Adam and Eve in His garden. Does anyone know what the rule was? (Don't eat the fruit from The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil) One day, a snake came along and convinced Adam and Eve to eat the fruit on The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. They disobeyed the rule God had given them. Do you know what it's called when we disobey God? (Sin) When Adam and Eve sinned, they hurt their friendship with God. Adam and Eve had to leave the Garden of Eden. Are Adam and Eve the only ones who have sinned? (No, we have all sinned)

Just like Adam and Eve hurt their friendship with God, we hurt our friendship with Him when we sin, too. But God loved us so much that He wanted to fix our friendship with Him. So God began to send messages through people called prophets. One prophet named Micah, told the people that God was going to send a leader, and this leader would come from the tiny town of Bethlehem! Who do you think that leader was? (Jesus) That's right! God was going to send His Son, Jesus, to be our leader, save us from our sin, and fix our friendship with God!

So God's people continued to wait for the day that God would send His Son. Meanwhile, in another town called Nazareth, an angel appeared to a woman named Mary. Do you know what the angel told Mary? (She was going to have a very special baby, and He was going to be God's Son, Jesus)

When it was almost time for Mary to have her baby, the emperor passed a law that said everyone had to go back to the town where they were born. He wanted to count how many people were living in the land. Since Mary's husband, Joseph, was from Bethlehem, he and Mary had to travel there. It took about three days, and the only way to get there was by walking or riding on a donkey. The whole time, Mary was still pregnant with her baby! Do you think this journey was part of Joseph and Mary's plan? (No)

Once Mary and Joseph reached Bethlehem, they couldn't find anywhere to sleep! Since there were no rooms, can you guess where they had to sleep? (In a barn/stable) They had to sleep in a barn full of animals. None of this was part of Mary and Joseph's plan, but God had this plan for His Son all along! Mary had her baby right there in a barn in the tiny town of Bethlehem. Who was this baby? (Jesus) This was the leader that Micah said would be born in Bethlehem!

Jesus didn't come as a mighty ruler riding on a horse or as a rich man dressed in fancy clothes. He didn't come as a president or a governor. He didn't even come as a grown up!

No, God planned all along for Jesus to come in a way we could understand. He chose to send Jesus as a baby, because no one would be afraid of a baby! We celebrate at Christmas because God sent Jesus to Earth to be our leader and take the punishment for our sin so that we can be friends with God! God's whole plan to fix our friendship with Him happened exactly the way He said it would! God sent His Son to be the Savior of the world!

Earth



Wk 4 - K-5 - Picture Cards

Barn



Wk 4 - K-5 - Picture Cards

Snake



Wk 4 - K-5 - Picture Cards

Donkey



Wk 4 - K-5 - Picture Cards

Baby



Wk 4 - K-5 - Picture Cards

Three

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Wk 4 - K-5 - Picture Cards

Town



Wk 4 - K-5 - Picture Cards

Fruit



Wk 4 - K-5 - Picture Cards

Garden



Wk 4 - K-5 - Picture Cards

Angel



Wk 4 - K-5 - Picture Cards

Woman



Wk 4 - K-5 - Picture Cards

Horse



Wk 4 - K-5 - Picture Cards

Fancy Clothes



Wk 4 - K-5 - Picture Cards

Animals



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