

**SMALL
TALK**

MEMORY VERSE

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

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

KEY QUESTION

Why is Jesus special?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is God's Son.

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WEEK 1 | LUKE 1:26-33, 38, 46

God sends an angel to tell Mary she will have a special baby named Jesus.

WEEK 3 | LUKE 2:6-18

God sends angels to tell the shepherds about Jesus, and they run to worship Him.

WEEK 2 | LUKE 2:1-7

Jesus, God's only son, is born in a stable.

WEEK 4 | MATTHEW 2:1-2, 9-11

Wise men follow a special star to Jesus, to give Him gifts and worship Him.





PLAY TIME: While sitting with the family, play a little game of messenger. Tell your preschooler he will be the messenger and it's his job to deliver the messages you give him. Whisper

a message in his ear and tell him which family member to deliver it to. It can be anything encouraging such as, "I like your shirt," "You are super smart!" or "You have a great smile!" Remind your child about how God sent an angel to deliver a special message to Mary. What was the message? She was going to have baby Jesus!



CAR TIME: Name one specific Christmas decoration before you begin to drive. It can be anything! A Christmas tree, snowman, lights . . . whatever you want it to be.

Every time you see that decoration, point it out and together say, "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" After all, Christmas is all about Jesus' birthday! Without Jesus there would be no Christmas. He's that special! Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's Son.



BATH TIME: If you have some toy sheep from a barn set, add them to bath time this week. Talk about how the shepherds were taking care of their sheep when the angels came

and told them about baby Jesus. The shepherds were so excited they ran to see the baby! They knew He was very special. Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's Son!



Christmas! It's here! It's here! Is there any better time to watch the wonder of a child than Christmas? The joy in their eyes, the excitement on their faces—it's contagious and can make you feel like a

kid all over again yourself.

As the Christmas season surrounds you, be sure to take time as a family to relish in the TRUE story of Christmas. Spend time playing with a children's nativity play set and talking about what happened on that special night so many years ago. Hold baby Jesus and remember that He is the BESTEST gift ever. Thank God that He sent His only Son to be here on earth with us. Let your preschooler tell you the Christmas story as she's learning it week by week at church. It will be the best rendition you've ever heard.

Merry Christmas!

Visit www.TheParentCue.org and see how others are not just surviving, but thriving during these parenting yearning during these parenting years.



CUDDLE TIME: Cuddle up with your child and pray. "Dear God, thank You for teaching us about how special Jesus is. We know He is your only Son and that You sent him to be our friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus name, amen."

