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LG OVERVIEW

THE ANGEL AND MARY

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hi, friends! It’s finally December. That means it’s almost Christmas, one of my most favorite times of the year. Christmas is when we get to celebrate that Jesus was born. God gave us Jesus because He loves us SO, SO, SO much. When I ask you this very important question, ‘**How do we know God loves us?**’ I want you to say, ‘**God gave us Jesus.**’ Let’s try it. **How do we know God loves us?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: “**God gave us Jesus.**”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Great job! You guys are awesome! Let’s sing a song about that special night when Jesus was born!”

Lead children in singing “Oh What a Special Night” and “Best Present Ever”.

“Yes! Jesus was the best gift ever! **How do we know God loves us?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: “**God gave us Jesus.**”

BIBLE VERSE: “That’s right! **God gave us Jesus.** Our memory verse tells us just that. It says: *God has given a son to us*, Isaiah 9:6. Let’s try that together.” (*Repeat several times.*)

STORYTELLER: (*Hold the gift box*) “Can you believe it’s almost December? And you know that means? It’s Christmas time here in the Backyard! I LOVE Christmas, don’t you? Check out this Special Delivery I received, it’s a Christmas present. Christmas is really about how God gave all of us a present. Raise your hand if you like presents. (*Pause.*) Me too! You can put your hands down. On the count of three, everyone tell me what they want for Christmas. Ready? One, two, three! (*Pause as children respond.*) Wow, those are great ideas.”

STORYTELLER: “The Bible (*hold up Bible*) tells us that God gave us a special present on Christmas and He did it because he LOVES us. The first person God told about this special present was a young girl named Mary. Let’s watch our video and find out more about God’s special delivery.”

Watch video lesson

STORYTELLER: “What was God’s gift to us? (*Pause.*) That’s right, it was Jesus! (*Open present and pull out the baby doll.*) And why did He give us Jesus? (*Pause.*) Because God LOVES us. God gave us His Son, Jesus. And that gift is better than any gift you could get in the mail or find under the tree. **How do we know God loves us? Because God gave us Jesus.**”

WORSHIP LEADER: “**God gave us Jesus** because He loves us so very much. Let’s sing our song about a special delivery together!

Lead children in singing “Special Delivery.”

“Yes! Jesus was a super special delivery. The best gift ever! **How do we know God loves us?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: “**God gave us Jesus.**”