

Starry Night

Nov 30/Dec 1

LARGE GROUP

The Angel and Mary

HOST:

“Friends! I am so excited that you came to church today! Do you notice anything special about our Large Group area up here? Yes! Christmas decorations! Christmas has come to Parkview and all month long we are going to be celebrating the most important baby ever born! Do you know who it was? Jesus! Yes! God gave us Jesus! This month when I ask you ‘**How do we know God loves us?**’ I want you to say: ‘**God gave us Jesus!**’

Let’s try that! ‘**How do we know God loves us?**’ ‘**God gave us Jesus!**’
(*Encourage children to say the entire bottom line statement.*)

That’s right! God gave us Jesus! Jesus was the best present ever! I am so glad God gave us Jesus. Let’s stand up and sing and say thank you to God for sending such a special delivery to us!

SONG 1: SPECIAL DELIVERY

SONG 2: OH WHAT A SPECIAL NIGHT

WORSHIP LEADER:

“Great job, friends! I love singing Christmas songs to worship God! God loves us so much. **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!**

Yes! God gave us Jesus. Our memory verse from the Bible says...

God (*point arms straight up*) **has given** (*cup both hands in front of you like you are giving something*) **a son** (*rock your arms like you’re holding a baby*) **to us** (*point your thumbs to your chest*), **Isaiah 9:6.** (*Hold hands open like a book.*)

Can you say it with me?

(Repeat several times)

Way to go, friends! God has given his son, Jesus, to us because he loves us so much. **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!**

STORYTELLER:

There are so many exciting things at Christmas time! Christmas songs, candy canes, Christmas cookies, decorations and of course...presents! Well friends, I have a surprise for you. There is actually a present right here under the tree for us to open! Should we open it now? Ok! I bet this present is a clue to tell us what our true Bible story is about today. *(Slowly open the box and make a big deal about what's inside!)* It's a baby! I wonder why there is a baby in here! Do you think it could be baby Jesus?? Let's watch our Ollie video and find out!"

OLLIE VIDEO: THE ANGEL AND MARY

STORYTELLER:

"Wow! God sent his own angel to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby. The most special baby ever born. And what was his name? **JESUS!** God loves us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus! God loved Mary and Joseph, and He loves me, and He loves you! We know God loves us because God gave us Jesus!"

How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!

One more time: **God gave us Jesus!**

Yes! Oh, friends. What a gift Jesus is. Let's say a prayer and thank God for Jesus.

PRAYER "Dear God, thank You for loving us SO much that You gave us Your Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. You are amazing, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name, amen."

HOST:

"This is so exciting! God loves us so much that he gave us Jesus – the best present ever! Let's stand up and sing about it!"

SONG 3: THE BEST PRESENT EVER