

Starry Night

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# LARGE GROUP

*Jesus is Born*

## HOST:

“Hello, friends! Welcome! This weekend and all month long we are celebrating CHRISTMAS! Christmas is so very special because we are celebrating a special gift that God gave us to show us he loves us. Last week we learned the answer to a very important question and I want to see how well you remember it... **‘How do we know God loves us?’ ‘God gave us Jesus!’**

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

Christmas is all about JESUS! Jesus was the best present ever and that is why we celebrate this special holiday. Now let’s get up and sing and thank God for giving us Jesus – the best present ever!

## SONG 1: BEST PRESENT EVER

## SONG 2: SPECIAL DELIVERY

## WORSHIP LEADER:

“Nice singing, friends! Christmas is all about Jesus! God gave us Jesus because He loves us! **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!**

Yes! God gave us Jesus. Do you remember our memory verse that we learned together last week? Let’s try it together.

**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.*)

(Repeat several times)

That’s right! God has given His Son to us to show us just how much He LOVES us  
**How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!**

## **STORYTELLER:**

I am so excited because today I have the next part of our Christmas story to share with you! Last week we learned about the angel and Mary. God sent his angel to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby. Do you remember who that baby was? JESUS! That's right! And friends, would you look what I have here? Another present! Should we open it now? I wonder if it will give us a clue about what our story is about today? *(Slowly open the box and make a big deal about what's inside!)* It's a....**DONKEY!** A donkey? I wonder why I have a donkey in here! Let's see what Ollie has to say!

## **OLLIE VIDEO: JESUS IS BORN**

## **STORYTELLER:**

"Wow. 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!**

Louder, so everyone can hear! **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!**

Now whisper it, because baby Jesus is sleeping. **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus.**

I am so thankful that God gave us Jesus. When my heart feels thankful, I want to stop and say a prayer thanking God. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and pray together.

**PRAYER** "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. I pray we always trust Your BIG love for us. In Jesus' name, amen."

## **HOST:**

"God loves me. He loves you. He loves us so much that he gave us JESUS! WOW! And what a special night it was that Jesus was born! Let's sing one last song together!"

## **SONG 3: OH WHAT A SPECIAL NIGHT**