

Starry Night

Dec 14-15

# LARGE GROUP

## *The Shepherds*

### HOST:

“Welcome, friends! This month is all about Christmas! At Christmas, on that first Christmas, God gave us Jesus to show us He loves us. **‘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.*)

Let’s thank God for this very special gift—the reason we celebrate Christmas. Jesus is what Christmas is all about. Come on let’s stand up and sing!

### SONG 1: OH WHAT A SPECIAL NIGHT

### SONG 2: BEST PRESENT EVER

### WORSHIP LEADER:

“Yes! God loves you (*point to different children*) and you and you and you and you and you SO much.

Our memory verse reminds us that God gave us Jesus! Let’s practice our memory verse.

**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)

Great work! I think you all are almost ready for Christmas!

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

## **STORYTELLER:**

Friends, today we get to hear the next part of our true Bible story about the first Christmas. Let's go over what we know so far. We know that God sent an angel to tell Mary she was going to have a special baby. And the special baby's name would be . . .JESUS! Right! And we know that Mary and Joseph had to travel all the way to Bethlehem, and that's where the special baby was born. And the special baby's name is . . .JESUS! Right again! So what happened next? (*Gesture to Present #3*). Look at this friends! Another present for us to open! I bet it has a clue to the next part of our story! (*Slowly open the box.*). Well look at this! Sheep! I wonder what that could mean?! Let's see what Ollie has to tell us!

## **OLLIE VIDEO: SHEPHERDS**

## **STORYTELLER:**

"Isn't that amazing? God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus! God loved Mary and Joseph and the shepherds, 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?  
**How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!**

And when we know that God loves us so much that he gave us Jesus, we want to tell everyone we can that God loves them, too – just like the shepherds did! That gave them Jesus!

Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and pray together.

**PRAYER** "Dear God, thank You for loving us SO much that You gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. Help us tell everyone that Christmas is all about Jesus, just like the shepherds did. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

## **HOST:**

"God sent a special delivery to us on that first Christmas day. Friends, I am so thankful God gave us Jesus! Let's stand up and sing one more song together!"

## **SONG 3: SPECIAL DELIVERY**