



Series Overview: Grab your sandals, sunblock, and swim gear because it's time for a Christmas Vacation! We'll be making sand angels and roasting chestnuts around an open bonfire on our tropical getaway. You've never experienced Christmas like this! In this series, we'll focus on the birth of Jesus and the way God had been planning things from the very beginning. We'll see how God sent Jesus for a reason, learn to trust God's timing, understand why God gives us what's best, and celebrate Jesus' birthday!

Bible Story: The Word Became Flesh: John 1:1–17

Big Idea: God sent Jesus for a reason.

Series Memory Verse: "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world." -John 1:9

Lesson Guide:

1. Dance and sing with your family to these songs.
 - ["Jesus, You're the Light" with Lyrics - YouTube](#)
 - [TODDLER WORSHIP \(Happy Birthday Jesus\) - YouTube](#)
 - [Go Fish - Joy to the World - Great Music For Kids! - YouTube](#)
2. Show this video to teach the Bible story.
 - [TeachingVideo1 ChristmasVacation Preschool GrowKids \(vimeo.com\)](#)

3. Review the Bible story like this:

***Supplies: Bible**

- Open the Bible to John 1 and read verses 4 & 5 (Be sure to say Jesus where it says "He").
- Ask some questions to review the Bible story...
 - **Today's Bible story told us someone was with God before anything was made. Who was it?** *Jesus.*
 - **The Bible also says Jesus is something that shines in the darkness. What is that called?** *Light. (Read John 1:4-5 to the kids and be sure to say in Jesus where it says in Him and Jesus' light where it says the light)*
 - **When we believe in Jesus, whose children do we become?** *God's children (Read John 1:12 saying Jesus instead of him again)*
 - **Did God have a reason for sending Jesus?** *Yes! To be the light for us...to show us the way to be God's children!*
 - **Why do you think God sent Jesus to us?** *Because God loves us!*

4. Practice the December Memory Verse like this:

***Supplies = a Bible and a flashlight**

- Look up John 1:9 in the Bible and read it to your family.
- Help them learn the verse and teach these motions to go along with it.
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/iz203lt5msat7owuc4t1f/Dec2023MemVerseMotions.MOV?rlkey=rk49sulxpm8q2ir2jt74i4lu4&dl=0>
- Turn the lights off, but don't make it too dark in the room.
- Have your family line up side by side facing you.
- Tell them to follow the light.
- Move the light side to side and up and down...have them slide side to side, have them jump up and squat down as they follow the light.
- If you make a circle with the light, have them spin around 🌀.
- Pause every so often and say the memory verse together before playing another round.
- Ask your family who the true light is...JESUS!

5. PRAY WITH THE YOUR FAMILY!