



Series Overview: At Christmas, gifts are all around us, but we know the holiday isn't about the toys—it's about the joy of Jesus' birth. We might experience joy from opening up gifts, but God gives us even greater joy through Jesus. In this series, kids will learn all about the joy Jesus brought into the world. They'll learn that Jesus is the savior God promised, how God sent Jesus at the perfect time, that Jesus brings joy to the world, and what it means to say Jesus is God's greatest gift.

Series Memory Verse: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”
— Luke 1:46–47 (NIV)

Today's Lesson...

- **Bible:** Mary Visits Elizabeth: Luke 1:39–56
- **Big Idea:** Jesus brings joy to the world.

Lesson Guide:

1. Dance and sing with your child to these songs.

- [Jesus, Savior Of The World | Preschool Worship Song](#)
- [Greatest Gift | Music Video](#)
- ["Sounding Joy" | Ellie Holcomb | Official Lyric Video - YouTube](#)

2. Show this video to teach the Bible story.

- [TeachingVideo3 JoyStory Preschool GrowKids on Vimeo](#)

3. Review the Bible story like this:

***Supplies = a Bible**

- Open the Bible to Luke 1 and show the kids where today's story comes from.
- Ask the following questions to review the story...
 - Who was the family member Mary went to visit? *Elizabeth.*
 - What did the baby in Elizabeth's belly do when Mary came over? *He jumped for joy!*
 - How did Mary show her joy about her special baby from God? *She sang a song.*
 - When you feel joy, what do you do to show it?
 - Who does Jesus bring joy to? *The whole world!*
 - Let's say our Big Idea together: Jesus brings joy to the world.

4. Practice the December Memory Verse like this:

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- Look up Luke 1:46 in the Bible and read it to your family.
- Help the kids learn the verse and teach the motions to go along with it.
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- Then play some "snowball games" using cotton balls, paper balls or whatever you have around the house as snowballs.
- You can toss the snowballs out on the floor and have your family race to pick up as many as they can and put them in bins or cups.
- You can pour cotton balls all over a table and then let your family try to gather them while wearing cups on their hands...This can look like Hungry Hungry Hippo...each person gather the snowballs to their little section of the table.
- You can have your family try to hold a cotton ball on their pointer finger and race across the room and back.
- You can try tossing them into a cup or bin, ETC.
- Say the verse with your family between the different games or different rounds of each game.
- Remind your family that we can rejoice in God our Savior because Jesus brings joy to the world!

5. PRAY WITH THE YOUR FAMILY!