

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**  
After Christmas  
December 20-  
Dec. 26 2021

Pre-K  
Message

**SCRIPTURE:** Hebrews 2:14-18

**THEME:** Jesus is Our Brother

**SONG:** CW93 86/ CW21 340,341 st. 3 Away in a Manger or other Christmas service song

**VISUAL:** Picture of a newborn, newborn being held by older siblings

### OBJECT LESSON

Explain who is in the photo. Ask the students if they have brothers or sisters? When a new baby is born some people say they look like the mom or dad or a brother or sister. Ask the students if they ever get told they look like a family member or called by their siblings name.

### BIBLE TRUTH

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of baby Jesus. In the Bible we learn Jesus might not look like us: eye color, hair color, or nose shape, he came to earth born just like we were as little babies. Jesus was 100% human. While he was here on Earth he felt things like us (hungry, tired, sad) and even faced temptations.

The one way Jesus is not like us is that he did not sin. He kept the whole law (all of God's rules and right things to do) perfectly in our place which we could never do.

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

We can have comfort knowing that Jesus was our brother who was tempted and faced human suffering while he was on earth. Even though we fall into temptation, Jesus did not. He kept the whole law perfectly in our place. He can help us when we are tempted.

### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for coming to earth to be our brother. You know what it was like to face temptations and you kept the whole law perfectly in our place. Help us to be like you. Amen.



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**2<sup>nd</sup>** Sunday  
After Christmas  
December 27-  
Jan. 2, 2022

Pre-K  
Message

**SCRIPTURE:** Galatians 4:4-7

**THEME:** Adopted Children of God

**SONG:** CW93 86/ CW21 340,341 st. 3 Away in a Manger or other Christmas service song

**VISUAL:** Family Photo

### OBJECT LESSON

Explain who is in the photo. Discuss what family means. Moms, dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, or siblings? Families can be a great blessing from God whether they are big or small. Talk about good things about having a family. (People to play with and talk to. People who love you and take care of you.)

### BIBLE TRUTH

Because of sin we were not part of God's family. Only perfect people can be in God's family and we are not perfect when we are mean, when we tell lies or do other bad things. In the Bible reading we learn that because Jesus came we are adopted into God's family. Adopted means even if we weren't born into the family we get chosen to be part of the family now. Because Jesus was born to live perfectly in our place and die on the cross for us, God sees us as holy and adopts us into his family. Baptism is a way that God adopts us into his family.

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

If you are in a worship space, take some time to talk about the baptismal font and baptism.

Being adopted into God's family means we have special benefits that are only for family members. Talk about the benefits of being in God's family. Forgiveness of sins, God's promises, we get to pray to God our Father, we get to go to heaven to be with him.

### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for adopting us and making us part of your family! Amen.



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# Epiphany

Jan. 6, 2022

Pre-K  
Message

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 2:9b

**THEME:** Jesus is the Light of the World

**SONG:** CW93 83/ CW21 372 st. 1 As with Gladness  
Men of Old

**VISUAL:** Picture of traffic lights or flashing bicycle light

## OBJECT LESSON

Some lights have meanings. Ask the students what the lights of a traffic light mean? Are there other examples of lights that have meanings? A flashing light might mean "watch out!"

## BIBLE TRUTH

In Matthew 2, we learn about a group of people from a far-away country who came to worship Jesus. They were called Magi or Wise Men. Without phone, text message, or email, how would they know that Jesus, the King and Savior was born? God placed a special star in the sky to guide them to see Jesus. That was a special star. Just like these Magi, we need a light who is the way to heaven. That Light is Jesus! Jesus is our Light and he is the Light for all the world, for all people.

## DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

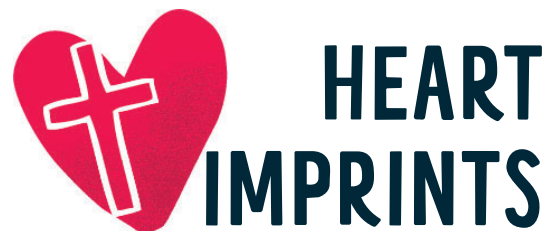
How can we find Jesus today? There are no special stars to follow. Without God and his Word we can't know or learn about Jesus. God uses his Word to point the way to Jesus and help us learn more about him. Jesus came to save all people—you, me, our friends and family people we don't know all over the world!

Can you be a special light to share God's Word and Jesus with someone?

How can God use us to be a special light to tell others about Jesus?

## PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you led the wise men to Jesus using a special star. Help us to learn more about Jesus through your word. Help us be a light to others so they too can learn from your word about Jesus. Amen.



**1<sup>st</sup>** Sunday  
After Epiphany  
January 3 -  
Jan. 9, 2022

Pre-K  
Message

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 3:21-22

**THEME:** More than meets the eye

**SONG:** CW93 83/ CW21 372 st. 1 As with Gladness  
Men of Old

**VISUAL:** Optical illusion - lines that are actually the same size, faces or vase, spiral etc.

### OBJECT LESSON

Show an optical illusion to the students.  
Sometimes our eyes can play tricks on us!

### BIBLE TRUTH

Discuss some facts about John. Because John was a special preacher many of the people at the time thought he might be the promised Messiah, that he might be the Savior God had promised. But their eyes tricked them. He was a preacher sent by God, but not the promised Messiah. In today's reading, John is there for Jesus' baptism.

Jesus seemed like an ordinary person. He did not seem special in any way. On the day Jesus was baptized, God's voice from heaven tells everyone there, "You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you." The truth that Jesus was God's Son was not easy to tell just from his outward appearance, but God's voice made it clear that Jesus was God's Son, the Savior.

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Do you ever get distracted by the things we can see, toys, games, or fun activities? Our sin makes us think that these things are very important, more important than learning about Jesus. Sometimes it is like an optical illusion. Our eyes can play tricks on us and we see other things as more important than learning about Jesus.

We need to have the Holy Spirit put faith into hearts though hearing about Jesus in the Bible. The Holy Spirit was there when Jesus was baptized. The Holy Spirit is there at our baptism, too. The Holy Spirit puts faith in our hearts. In the Bible, we are reminded that Jesus is our savior from sins and the most important thing in our lives.

### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for putting faith in our hearts. Forgive us when we think other things are more important than learning about you. Remind us of the truth found in your Word. Thank you for sending your son to be our savior from sins. Amen.



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**2<sup>nd</sup>** Sunday  
After Epiphany  
January 10-  
Jan. 16, 2022

Pre-K  
Message

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 62:5b

**THEME:** Joy!

**SONG:** CW93 83/ CW21 372 st. 1 and 4 - As with Gladness  
Men of Old

**VISUAL:** Photo from a wedding

### OBJECT LESSON

Have the students raise their hands if they have been to a wedding. What was it like? The students might describe the food, dancing, or another fun part. No matter what activities took place at the wedding, usually one thing is true. The people getting married love each other and are happy. The people who get to attend the wedding are happy too!

### BIBLE TRUTH

In the Bible - Isaiah 62 verse 5 says "and just as a bridegroom rejoices over a bride, your God will rejoice over you." There are several times in the Bible where God uses how much a couple at a wedding loves each other to explain his love for us. He uses the idea of a wedding banquet to give us a picture of the joy of heaven. When we sin, it's like we're wearing filthy clothes that would not be ok to wear at a wedding. But Jesus took all those sins away when he died on the cross.

When people get married they are making a promise to stay together for the rest of their lives. God promises that we get to be with him in heaven forever! Heaven will be even better than a wedding here on earth.

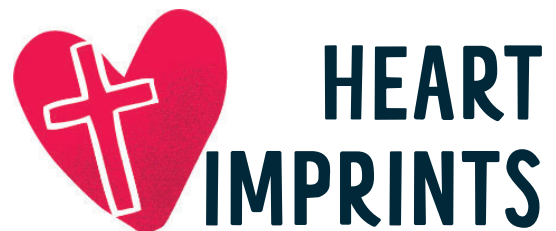
### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Just like the wedding guests and bride and groom are filled with joy at a wedding, God rejoices in your faith and that you will get to be in heaven with him forever. We can be happy that God loves us so much that he paid for our sins and is saving a place for us in heaven.

At a wedding the bride and groom get to share their happiness with all of the guests. How can we share our joy in Jesus with other people?

### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us so much that you sent your Son to die for our sins. We are so excited that we get to be in heaven forever with you. Help us share your joy with other people. Amen.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**  
After Epiphany  
January 17-  
Jan. 23, 2022

Pre-K  
Message

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 4:29-31

**THEME:** Be Bold

**SONG:** CW93 57/ CW21 361 st. 1 Go Tell it on the Mountain

**VISUAL:** Superhero action figure

### OBJECT LESSON

Who has a favorite superhero? Have one or two students explain what makes their favorite superhero so super. Because they have a cool ability like being able to fly or turn invisible? What is it that makes them a hero? Heroes try to help people even when it is hard or they have to face danger.

### BIBLE TRUTH

The early believers in Bible times and even Jesus himself experienced how hard it is to help people with the good news about Jesus. Many people did not want to learn that they were sinners in need of a savior. They did not want to learn about Jesus. The early disciples (Jesus' helpers) even got put in prison because they were sharing the good news about Jesus.

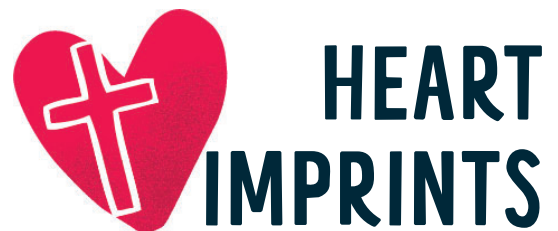
In the Bible reading the disciples prayed to God "...give to your servants the ability to keep on speaking your word with all boldness..." They wanted to keep on helping others with the good news about Jesus even if it would be hard or dangerous. God answered their prayer and helped them be heroes who continued telling others about Jesus boldly!

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

God wants us to be heroes who help people by telling them about Jesus, even when it is hard or scary. What things can make sharing the good news about Jesus hard? What can you do when sharing the good news about Jesus is hard? Go to God in prayer! God is the true hero who loves us and saved us and wants all people to be with him in heaven. He can give you what you need to tell others the good news about Jesus.

### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we pray that you would give us the ability to keep on speaking your Word with all boldness! Amen!



**4<sup>th</sup>** Sunday  
After Epiphany  
January 24-  
Jan. 30, 2022

Pre-K  
Message

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**THEME:** Equipped

**SONG:** CW93 57/ CW21 361 st. 1 Go Tell it on the Mountain

**VISUAL:** Share a task and the “equipment” needed to do that task

### OBJECT LESSON

If you wanted to do a coloring sheet what would you need? Markers, crayons, pencils? If you wanted to cut something out you'd need... Scissors! Share other tasks that require specific tools or equipment.

### BIBLE TRUTH

Read the bible lesson. Verse 17 says that the servant of God “may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” Equipped means to have what you need to do something. What is it we are equipped with? God-breathed Scripture--that means God gave us each word in the Bible. Without God's Word, the Bible we are missing the tools and equipment to know about Jesus. Without God's Word there is no way to know about our Savior.

We can be thankful that we have God's Word and teachers and pastors who help us learn God's Word. Sometimes it is hard to be good listeners to God's Word. Pastors and teachers can help us know when we are not being good listeners and how we can learn to be better listeners.

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Because we have God's Word, we are equipped, we have what we need, to do “every good work.” What good work? Teaching others about Jesus. And not just teaching others, we are encouraged to “continue in what you have learned and become convinced of” You are made wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. We need to continue learning about Jesus' love for us by studying his Word, the Bible.

### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us your Word, the Bible, and helping us learn about you. Thank you for pastors and teachers who also help us learn about you. Help us be excited to learn about you more and more. Help us tell others about you too! Amen.

