



BIG IDEA

Jesus is the king of kings.

GOD STORY

A Message for Joseph (Matthew 1:18–25)

KEY VERSE

Jesus is the greatest king of all. (Paraphrased from Revelation 17:14)

1 | Start

SUPPLIES

- Cups or similar small containers
- Joseph cutout
- Tape
- Jingle bells
- Bowl

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Attach the Joseph cutout to one of the cups.
- Set up the cups on a table or the floor.
- Put the bells in the bowl.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Let the children know that today's Bible story is about Joseph getting a very special message from an angel.
- Explain that the goal of this game is to toss the jingle bells into the cup with Joseph on it.
- If needed, demonstrate how to toss a bell gently toward the cups.
- Guide the children to take turns tossing the bells. Count how many they get inside the Joseph cup. Keep playing as long as everyone is interested.

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Wall-safe tape
- (Optional) Green construction paper or small evergreen tree
- Circle cutouts
- Colouring supplies (e.g., crayons, markers, etc.)

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- If you have not yet created a Christmas tree prayer wall to use throughout this series, tape a tree outline on a wall, or, if you'd prefer, make one out of construction paper or even use a small tree!

TIP

- Keep the Christmas tree prayer wall up to use each week.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use the circle cutouts to make three new prayer ornaments to hang on the tree each week.
- Refer to the prayers printed on the circles as your family prays together.



4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Cardstock ornaments
- Gold ribbons
- Colouring supplies (e.g., crayons, markers, etc.)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each child an ornament and some ribbon.
- Set out colouring supplies for them to share.
- Demonstrate how to “sew” with a ribbon around the outside of an ornament (see below).
- Encourage the children to colour their picture.
- Review Joseph’s story and the Big Idea (**Jesus is the king of kings**).
- Ask the children where they’d like to hang their ornament or if they want to give it to someone as a gift.



5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign
- Wall-safe tape
- Chairs
- String
- Key Verse words
- Clothes pegs

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Hang the Key Verse sign where everyone can see it easily.
- Tie the string between two chairs and position them close to the sign.
- Mix up the Key Verse words and place them on one of the chairs.

TIP

- The string does not have to be tied to chairs—place it wherever works well in your space. This activity is repeated each week, so you could choose an area where the Key Verse banner is left on display.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review the Key Verse for this series (Revelation 17:14).
- Work together to put the words in order. Refer to the sign if needed.
- Use the clothes pegs to clip the words onto the string and create a banner.
- Read the completed verse out loud together.