



## **BIG IDEA**

We can worship Jesus with what we have.

## **GOD STORY**

The Wise Men and Jesus (Matthew 2:1–12)

## **KEY VERSE**

"I have loved you with a love that lasts forever. I have kept on loving you with a kindness that never fails." (Jeremiah 31:3b, NIRV)

## **1 | Conversation Starter**

### **TIP**

- Other examples of worship include being kind to others because of God's kindness to us, reading the Bible, praying, or dancing with God in mind.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. To lead into today's story, chat about:
  - What's your favourite worship song to sing?
  - What are some ways that people can worship God? How have you worshipped God?
- b. Introduce this week's Big Idea: **We can worship Jesus with what we have.**

## **2 | Watch**

### **SUPPLIES**

- Media player

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

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

## **3 | Discuss & Pray**

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Review the video teaching together:
  - What stood out to you in today's Life Story?
  - What does it mean to worship God? (Connecting our hearts to the heart of God and showing our love and gratitude for him)
  - What did the Wise Men do for Jesus?
  - How was what the Wise Men did worship?
  - Why do we worship God?
  - What are some ways **we can worship Jesus with what we have**?
  - How might you encourage others to worship Jesus with what they have?
- b. Pray together. Thank God for loving us with a love that lasts forever and a kindness that never fails!



## **4 | Activity**

### **SUPPLIES**

- Scripts
- Baby doll
- Mary and Joseph's head coverings (e.g., towels)
- Wise Men's gift boxes
- King Herod's crown
- Angel's tinsel halo

### **TIPS**

- If needed, assign the kids multiple parts, or invite more family members to get involved.
- If anyone isn't into costumes or acting, ask them to narrate or get involved in other ways. Encourage them to get creative!

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Act out the story of Jesus' birth together.
- b. Review the script and assign the following roles: narrator, Mary, Joseph, Wise Men, King Herod, angel.
- c. Hand out the associated props.
- d. Prompt the narrator to read the script and everyone else to act out their parts.

## **5 | Key Verse**

### **SUPPLIES**

- Key Verse sign
- Wall-safe tape
- Star activity page
- Pipe cleaners
- Scissors
- Colouring supplies
- Hole punch

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Review the Key Verse (Jeremiah 31:3) together.
- b. Ask: What does this verse have to do with Christmas? (God showed us his love by sending Jesus to save us and teach us how to live!)
- c. Give each person an activity page and a pipe cleaner.
- d. Set out the other supplies for them to share.
- e. Guide the kids to cut out their stars.
- f. Direct them to write or draw something on each arm of the star that describes how they can worship Jesus this Christmas season.
- g. Punch a hole in each star.
- h. Thread a pipe cleaner through the hole to create a hanger.
- i. Find a spot for the kids to display their crafts!