

# PRESCHOOL

DECEMBER 24, 2025

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



### LESSON **AT A GLANCE**

Jesus' family tree is full! Look at how God used this special family tree to save His people and bring Jesus to us, to love us and have a relationship with us! What a gift! This lesson guides kids from Abraham to Ruth to David to Jesus through stations of crafts and games.,

We can celebrate with a jubilee! Jubilee comes from a festival in the Bible where God's people celebrated God's provision and blessings. We can celebrate the greatest blessing and gift He has given us: Jesus!

## Schedule

Follow this suggested timeline, beginning stations 10 minute prior to service time:

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| as kids arrive | Structured Free Play                                      |
| 40 minutes     | Craft/Game Stations (4 stations, ~10 minutes per station) |
| 10 minutes     | Large Group: Welcome, Worship                             |
| 10 minutes     | Large Group: Teaching, Prayer                             |
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# Supply List

## 1. Craft:

- Craft sticks (5/kid)
- Glue/glue dots
- Star stickers
- Markers
- Ornament Station #1 Printable

## 2. Game:

- Ribbon/string
- 30 to 40 crumpled brown paper balls to represent grain
- 4 to 6 laundry baskets or large buckets as “fields”
- 2 to 4 empty boxes or baskets as “Naomi’s house”
- Take Home Ornament Tag
- Optional: painters tape to mark start lines

## 3. Craft:

- Crown templates (cut and ready) 1/kid
- Scissors
- Large foam jewel stickers or large self-adhesive gem stickers (no loose beads)
- Big star stickers and leaf stickers
- Glue sticks
- Coloring utensils
- Stapler or tape for leaders to secure crowns to size (leaders only)

## 4. Game:

- Blue painter’s tape (to mark paths, zig-zags, circles)
- Cones, chairs, cushions, or other small obstacles
- Beanbags, crumpled paper balls, or soft balls
- Christmas lights (optional)
- Pre-cut cardstock stars (1/kid)
- Glow-in-the-dark paint or stickers
- Markers
- Leaf ribbon
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn for hanging
- Small “Jesus bundle” (doll or wrapped figure)
- Star markers or flashlights for checkpoints

## Large Group:

- Small Christmas tree (real or fake)
- Christmas lights (any color, outlet nearby or extension cord if necessary)
- Plastic bins
- Non-breakable ornaments
- Family Tree Ornaments Sheet

## Doors Open + Ornament Stations

Open the doors at **5:10pm** and have kids sit at tables playing simple no supply games or sensory activities. Playdoh, clay sensory bins, magnatiles, wiki sticks are all great options.

Begin stations at **5:20pm**.

### WHAT TO DO

Ahead of time, set up 4 separate bins with all the supplies needed for each activity. (2 crafts and 2 games)

One Large Group leader is needed to facilitate the stations and lead worship time. Assistant leaders will help kids with crafts and games.

The activities represent 4 different branches in Jesus' family tree. As kids enter, Large Group Leaders welcome them and direct them to their tables/groups on the floor. They will have a take home item from each station to help remember the different people in Jesus' family tree.

Play fun, upbeat Christmas music from one of the RBKids Spotify Playlists (see supply list)

Station Leaders are at 4 Stations, every 10 minutes or so, Large Group Leader will keep up with time and call for kids to rotate.

Stations will continue until **6:00pm**.

## Ornament Craft #1—ABRAHAM: Craft Stick Star

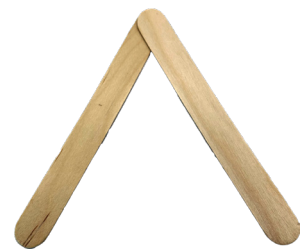
### SUPPLIES

- ☐ Craft sticks (5 per person)
- ☐ Glue/glue dots
- ☐ Star stickers
- ☐ Markers
- ☐ [Ornament Station #1 Sign](#)
- ☐ [Ornament Station #1 Printable](#)
- ☐ Ribbon/string

### WHAT TO DO

Ahead of time, create bundles of supplies needed for each kid. Set out supplies to kids have room to spread out. Have an example made for kids to see.

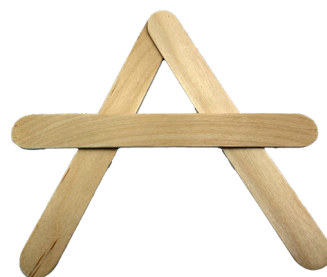
**STEP 1:** Each kid will get five craft sticks. Kids will glue them together to make a star! To begin, glue two craft sticks together to make an upside-down "V" shape.



STEP #1



**STEP 2:** Help kids put a little glue on the ends and press together. Then glue one craft stick across the middle of the “V” to make an “A” shape.



STEP #2

**STEP 3 and 4:** Next, have kids glue two more craft sticks to the ends of the horizontal craft stick, making an “X” connecting to the bottom craft sticks. Press together where you have put the glue.



STEP #3



STEP #4

**STEP 5:** Let it dry for a few minutes, then kids can decorate with stickers and markers. When you finish, you can tie a ribbon to the top. Take your ornament home as a reminder that God keeps His promises! The greatest promise is Jesus! God sent Jesus to save us!



STEP #5: FINAL

## Game #2—RUTH: Ruth's Harvest Helpers

### SUPPLIES

- 30 to 40 crumpled brown paper balls to represent grain
- 4 to 6 laundry baskets or large buckets as “fields”
- 2 to 4 empty boxes or baskets as “Naomi’s house”
- Take Home Ornament Tag
- Station 2 Sign and Printable
- Optional: painters tape to mark start lines

### WHAT TO DO

Scatter the “grain” in each field (each field is a laundry basket or taped circle on the floor). Place Naomi’s house baskets about 10 to 15 feet away. If space allows, mark a simple start line in front of each field.

**“Today we will learn about Ruth and Naomi. In our story, they had no food, so Ruth worked in the fields picking up leftover grain to care for Naomi. Today, you get to be Ruth’s helpers and gather grain to provide for Naomi.”**

Kids line up behind a field basket. On “Go,” one child at a time runs to Naomi’s house and places one piece of grain inside. The child runs back and tags the next player. Kids can jump into line at any time as long as they wait their turn.

Continue until time is called or all grain is delivered. Repeat as many times until stations switch.

#### **Optional Variations for Older Kids**

- Carry two pieces of grain at a time but they must balance them without using their hands.
- Walk heel to toe to Naomi’s house instead of running.
- Use a relay where they must switch directions halfway.

#### **Use simple phrases as they run:**

- “Ruth worked hard and did not give up.”
- “God saw Ruth’s faithfulness.”
- “Because Ruth obeyed God, He provided for her and Naomi.”
- “Ruth became part of Jesus’ family tree.”

#### **When most of the grain is collected:**

**“Just like God provided food for Ruth and Naomi, God provides what we need too. He even provided a Savior through Ruth’s family.”**

Keep kids engaged by calling out what you see as they play. Use short, energetic phrases like **“Way to work hard like Ruth,” “You are helping provide for Naomi,”** and **“God sees your faithfulness.”** Switch up movement rules every few minutes for older kids while keeping a simple option for younger kids. If kids are waiting in line, invite them to cheer for the runner so no one is standing still without a purpose.



## Craft Station #3—JESSE & DAVID: Branch Crown

### SUPPLIES

- Crown templates (cut and ready) 1/kid
- Scissors
- Large foam jewel stickers or large self-adhesive gem stickers (no loose beads)
- Big star stickers and leaf stickers
- Glue sticks
- Coloring utensils
- Stapler or tape for leaders to secure crowns to size (leaders only)

### WHAT TO DO

Print crowns on heavy cardstock and cut out ahead of time. If you want less leader work, pre-score where the crown will wrap and punch holes for ribbon. Put one small kit per child in a tray so materials are easy to hand out. Have one leader stationed at the table and one roamer to help kids put crowns on. Display one finished sample crown.

**"Jesse was David's father, and God chose David to be the king of Israel. From David's family, God would later send Jesus the forever King. Today you are going to make a branch crown to remind you that God's promises grow through families just like branches on a tree. As you build your crown, think about how God was working long before Jesus was born."**

#### STEP 1: Add Jewels

Hand each kids their cardstock crown and a glue stick or a small sheet of stickers. Instruct kids to add some shiny jewels to their crowns. Help them peel stickers if needed.

#### STEP 2: Add Leaves/Vines

Invite them to add 1 or 2 star or leaf stickers. Encourage a scribble or a big dot with a marker if they want to draw.

#### STEP 4: Create the crown.

Have kids gently place the crown on their head and adjust as needed. Leader staples or tapes the ends to correct size.



**"Your branch crown reminds us that God chose David from Jesse's family, and one day Jesus came from that same family. God's plan keeps growing just like these branches."**



## Ornament/Game Station #4—Joseph, Mary, & Jesus: Follow the Star

### SUPPLIES

- Blue painter's tape (to mark paths, zig-zags, circles)
- Cones, chairs, cushions, or other small obstacles
- Beanbags, crumpled paper balls, or soft balls
- Christmas lights (optional)
- Pre-cut cardstock stars (1/kid)
- Glow-in-the-dark paint or stickers
- Markers
- Leaf ribbon
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn for hanging
- Small "Jesus bundle" (doll or wrapped figure)
- Star markers or flashlights for checkpoints
- [Station 4 Sign and Printable](#)

### WHAT TO DO

Ahead of time, use blue painter's tape to create a winding path on the floor with curves, zig-zags, and "stop points" for each checkpoint. Place cones, cushions, or chairs along the path to serve as obstacles for hopping, tip-toeing, or balancing challenges. Place Christmas lights around the course for a fun touch (optional)

**At Checkpoint 1 - Angel Visits Mary:** tape a large star on the floor for kids to stand on and have blank cardstock stars ready.

**Checkpoint 2 - Joseph Trusts God:** mark the balancing section where kids will walk heel-to-toe or do crab walks, keeping glow paint or glow stickers nearby.

**Checkpoint 3 - Traveling to Bethlehem:** is the "donkey dash" section with a winding path, with markers, leaf ribbon, and stickers available for decorating stars.

**Checkpoint 4 - No Room at the Inn:** scatter small star markers, paper balls, or beanbags for the collection challenge and have hole punches and ribbon or yarn ready to turn stars into ornaments.

**Checkpoint 5 - Jesus is Born:** Place the Jesus bundle (doll or wrapped figure) at the final spot.

Set up craft supplies at each relevant checkpoint so kids can reach what they need without crowding, and make sure extra glow paint, stickers, ribbon, stars, and markers are on hand.

Have at least 2-3 assistants to guide the challenges and craft steps, and clearly mark the start and finish lines so children can move safely through the course.

Remind kids to watch the person in front of them, encourage fun and laughter, and offer optional extra challenges like backward walking or hopping for older kids to keep them engaged.

**"Welcome to the Mary, Joseph, and Jesus station! Today, you are going to help Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem. Along the way, you'll complete fun challenges that show parts of their story—and at each checkpoint, you'll add pieces to a glowing star ornament you get to take home. The glowing star will remind you that God sent Jesus, the light of the world. Are you ready to follow the star and meet Jesus?"**



## Large Group: Teaching & Worship

### SUPPLIES

- Small Christmas tree (real or fake)
- Christmas lights (any color, outlet nearby or extension cord if necessary)
- Plastic bins
- Non-breakable ornaments
- [Truth Sign Sheets](#)
- [Family Tree Ornaments Sheet](#)

### WHAT TO DO

Ahead of time, set out a small undecorated Christmas tree in the middle of the stage or room. String the Christmas lights on the tree and make sure they can be easily plugged in. Ensure the lights all come on when plugged in; but leave unlit until the end of the teaching time. Choose someone ahead of time to plug in the lights toward the end of the teaching.

Set out bins of ornaments (or pom-poms) that have ornament hooks attached to them. Print the [Truth Sign Sheets](#) on 11" x 17" paper and tape them to a piece of foam board for extra support. Print the [Family Tree Ornaments Sheet](#) on cardstock, cut apart the ornaments, punch a hole in the top of each ornament, and tie a ribbon through the top to easily hang on the Christmas tree.

Say:

We're so excited to have you here! Get your Christmas on because we'll be using Christmas trees, ornaments, and lots of decorating to help us understand and connect God's big story! We'll hear more about it soon, but first, let's worship and thank God for His perfect plan!

[Worship Videos: Joy to the World, God So Loved](#)





Display the first [Teaching Slide](#) on the screen.

Say:

**Have you ever thought about a tree?**

Point to the Christmas tree on the stage.

**A tree starts with a seed.**

Show the [Seed Teaching Slide](#) on the screen.

**It grows and develops roots in the ground.**

Display the [Branch Teaching Slide](#).

**It has branches that come from its trunk and extend in all directions.**

Display the [Growth Teaching Slide](#).

**Over time, the tree grows, and more and more branches develop.**

Display the [Plant Teaching Slide](#).

**Think about it: this tree is from one tiny seed that grew into a beautiful tree. Amazing!**

**Now, think about your family. Your family is kind of like a tree.**

Display the [Family Teaching Slide](#).

**Your family existed before you were born! Your family goes back to your grandparents and great-grandparents.**

Show the [Family Tree Teaching Slide](#).

**They had kids, and those are your parents, your aunts, and your uncles.**

Show the next [Teaching Slide](#).

**Then, they had kids—you and your cousins.**

Show the next [Teaching Slide](#).

**Your family tree is all the people who are part of your family. Turn to the person beside you and name as many people in your family tree as you can! Ready, go!**



Wait for about 30 seconds to allow for responses.

**Whether you know it or not, your family tree is even bigger than the people you can name. Your family tree goes back hundreds, even thousands of years!**

**In God's big story today, let's use this tree to represent Jesus' family tree.**

Point to the Christmas tree.

**God made the world and everything in it, and it was good. He made people in His image, but they disobeyed Him. This hurt their relationship with Him. God had a plan to heal His relationship with His people He loved. He would bless the world through a special family and would send His own Son as part of that family tree.**

Place the Abraham ornament on the tree.

**You made ornaments today. God promised Abraham a homeland and children and grandchildren who would become a new nation. But for a long time, Abraham and his wife Sarah didn't have any kids. How would he become a new nation without a child?**

Encourage someone to begin decorating the tree with ornaments around the Abraham ornament.

**God gave them a son named Isaac, and Isaac had children and grandchildren who would lead the 12 tribes of Israel. One of those would be the tribe of Judah and the family through which God's Son would be born. God keeps His promises!**

**God's family tree also included a woman named Ruth, who was born many years after Abraham.**

Place the Ruth ornament on the tree.

Encourage someone to begin decorating the tree with ornaments around the Ruth ornament.

**He gave Ruth a new husband named Boaz. They had a son named Obed, and his grandson would be the greatest king of Israel—King David. God honors faithfulness!**

**Jesse and David are next in the family tree.**

Place the Jesse and David ornament on the tree.

**Obed had a son named Jesse. Jesse had nine sons, and God had a plan to use one of those sons to be the next king of Israel. Who do you think it was?**



Allow kids time to respond.

**Yes! It was David! David loved God and served God with all his heart. Many of the people David ruled turned their backs on God, and the kingdom split in two. The enemies were closing in, and it looked as though the family line of Jesse and David would end.**

Encourage someone to begin decorating the tree with ornaments around the Jesse and David ornament.

**God spoke through the prophet Isaiah. This family tree would not be destroyed! A special child was about to be born from the Branch of this tree! God sees beyond what we see.**

**Get ready! The best part the family tree is about to happen! About 1,000 years after David, through the family of David, came a person named Joseph. Joseph was engaged to Mary, who was expecting a baby. Joseph didn't know that the baby Mary was carrying was from God, so he considered not marrying her.**

**One night, while Joseph was sleeping, an angel appeared to him in a dream.**

Place the Joseph and Jesus ornament on the tree. Encourage someone to begin decorating with ornaments around the Joseph and Jesus ornament.

**God sent Jesus to save us. Jesus would be the one to save the people from their sins and heal God's relationship with the people He loved. The promised Messiah who the people of Israel had been waiting for had come!**

**Eight days after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to a temple in Jerusalem, to dedicate Him to God. That day, Simeon and Anna were there and saw the Messiah, the one they had been praying for. The moment they saw Jesus, they knew He was the one.**

Refer to the decorated Christmas tree.

**Jesus' family tree is full! Look at how God used this special family tree to save His people and bring Jesus to us, to love us and have a relationship with us! What a gift! God's plan is perfect! His plan was to send Jesus to the world to take the punishment for our sins, so we could be forgiven and call Him our Savior. Look at Jesus' family tree!**

**We can celebrate with a jubilee! You may never have heard that word before. It comes from a festival in the Bible where God's people celebrated God's provision and blessings. We can celebrate the greatest blessing and gift He has given us: Jesus!**



What a wonderful story! We can remember that God sent Jesus for us too, and we can be a part of the family of Jesus when we trust in Jesus as our Savior. That's the greatest gift we can ever have, and the most wonderful thing we can celebrate at Christmas.

Cue the person who is turning on the Christmas tree lights to turn on the lights.

The lights on the tree remind us of Jesus! Jesus came to earth to be light of the world, to forgive and save us, and help us have a relationship with God. These Christmas tree lights remind us of the great gift we have in Jesus! Let's thank God for sending Jesus!

Let's pray. God, what a glorious gift You gave the world. Thank You for making a way to have a relationship with us. Thank You for sending Jesus and using a special family tree to bring hope to us. Thank You that we can be a part of Your family through Jesus. May You use our family this Christmas to bring the hope of Jesus to those around us. May they see Jesus in us. We love You! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Give kids an opportunity to pray on their own and to thank God for the gift of Jesus.

Thanks for coming to the Christmas Tree Jubilee so we could celebrate together! Let's make a fun snack as we continue celebrating!

## Dismissal

Say:

Thanks for coming and being a part of the Christmas Tree Jubilee! We are so glad we got to spend this time with you.

Blessing: May you know that God loves you so much that He sent Jesus to you. May you remember His promises, His faithfulness, and His perfect plan this Christmas. He is with us and loves us. Because of Jesus, we can share in the hope of Christmas!

End with a prayer over kids.

