



Christmas RE Assemblies for Primary Schools

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2 | Fun Fish Christmas Assemblies

Theme: Life is Full of Surprises (Christmas)

Memory Line: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” Mark 12:31

Sing Songs:

Welcome: Introduce Fun Fish team and “Life is Full of Surprises.”

Puppet Talk about Number Line: (present number line)

One way to get ready for Christmas is to make a mince pie. How do you make one? One puppet thought it was easy, throwing everything into a clear bowl, flour, eggs with shells, sweet mince, oil. He stirred it up. What a mess! It was a big surprise when it didn't work.

Bible Story (spontaneous drama with children): “Life is Full of Surprises” (Luke 2)

Cast needed: Narrator

Baby Jesus

Angels

Shepherds

Mary and Joseph

Materials needed: Sheep

A fire

White robes for angels

Manger for baby Jesus.

Stable

Puppets Chat about Theme (interactive): Life is full of surprises. What surprise would you like for Christmas? How can you surprise someone else for Christmas?

Short Prayer: “Dear God, lots of surprises happen in life, some good and some bad. May this Christmas be full of good surprises. Amen.

Sing a song: If you're Happy and You Know it... shout, “Surprise!”...

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Theme: Life is Full of Surprises — Jesus is born (Luke 2)

It was a dark and quiet night. It was cold. Shepherds sat around a fire, huddled in their cloaks. The sheep were fast asleep. Suddenly the whole place became bright as day.

The shepherds' mouths fell open. Their eyes grew big. They shield them as they looked at the light. Things like this didn't happen every day. What was happening!

It took a minute, but suddenly they could see what was in the light. The whole sky was filled with thousands of angels. **"SURPRISE!"** shouted the angels and they started to sing. "Hallelujah!" They danced around in circles.

But the shepherds didn't cheer, or join in the fun. Their knees knocked together and their mouths went dry. They had never seen one angel, never mind thousands of them! Then a giant angel stepped out from the rest.

"Don't be scared" the angel said. "I bring you good news. Jesus is born; the greatest king on earth; the King of kings. You will find him in Bethlehem, in a stable – not in a palace - lying on some hay in an animal feed box."

The angels sang and suddenly disappeared. The shepherds jumped up and stared at each other. "Let's go and see this new baby. This is a chance we don't want to miss!"

They started off for Bethlehem, but then began to wonder. "Did we hear the angels correctly? Did they really say a stable? Maybe it was a table? Whoever heard of a king being born in a barn?"

They stopped and looked at each other. "But we all heard it, didn't we? It must be true? Right, let's go then!" So they set off to look in every stable they could find.

"No baby in this one?" ----- "No baby in that one?" ----- "No baby in here?" Finally they looked in another one. **"SURPRISE!"** called the angels from heaven.

Mary and Joseph waved to them. "Come in and see the special baby that God has given to us!"

The shepherds stepped inside. They were so amazed. They fell on their knees to worship the King of kings.

"Surprise!!!" whispered the angels in heaven. And it really was. Jesus was the BIGGEST SURPRISE EVER!!!!!!!!!!

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Theme: What Do You Want to Be? “Tale of Three Trees” a folk-story

Sing a Song:

Welcome and Introduce Theme: Introduce Fun Fish team and theme

Bible Facts with Puppets: What do we want to be when we grow up? Puppets discuss their desires. In this story can you see how life can change our minds about what is best in life?

Bible Story (spontaneous drama with children): Tale of Three Trees

Cast needed: Narrator

Three Trees

Three woodsmen

Materials needed:

Three green cloths for the trees

An axe

Feed Box for animals

Boat

Cross

Mary and baby Jesus

Jesus as a man.

Puppets Chat on Theme (interactive): What is the best thing to do in life?

Short Prayer: “Dear God, please help us to be the best in our lives. Help us to do the best. Amen.”

Sing a Song:

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Story: What Do You Want to Be? - Tale of Three Trees

On a mountain grew three small trees. They dreamed of what they would be.

The first tree looked up at the stars twinkling like diamonds. “When I grow up I want to be the most beautiful treasure box on earth,” said the first little tree. I want to be covered in gold and gems.”

The second tree looked at a stream running by. “When I grow up I want to be on water. I want to be the strongest ship on earth. I want to carry powerful kings.”

The third tree looked down in the valley, where people lived in a town. “When I grow up I want to be the tallest tree on earth. Then people can lift their eyes up to heaven and they can think of God.”

Years passed. The rains came, and the little trees grew into giant trees. Then one day three wood cutters came.

The first woodcutter cut down the first tall tree. “Now I will be a treasure chest,” said the tree. But the wood cutter only made feed boxes for animals.

The second woodcutter cut down the second tall tree. “Now I will be a mighty ship,” said the tree. But the woodcutter only made a fishing boat.

The third wood cutter cut down the third tall tree. “I am sad,” said the tree. “Now I can’t point people to God.” This tree was made into logs and forgotten.

Years passed and the trees almost forgot their dreams. But one starry night a young woman put her child into an old feed box. “This manger is perfect for Jesus,” she said. Suddenly the first tree knew he held the greatest treasure on earth.

Years passed and a man and his friends climbed into an old fishing boat. The man fell asleep and a storm blew up. “Jesus, wake up,” cried his friends. Jesus stood up and stilled the storm. Suddenly the second tree knew he carried the King of Kings.

Then one Friday some soldiers picked up an old forgotten log. They put that log on a man’s shoulder. “Jesus, carry this,” they said. Then they nailed Jesus to that log. But three days later Jesus was alive again. Suddenly the third tree knew he pointed people to God. They would look at that log and find hope.

The three trees smiled at what they had done. Each had a special job.

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Theme: Who is the Wise Man? (Christmas Story)

Memory Line: “Look for wisdom like silver. Search for it like hidden treasure.” Proverbs 2:4

Sing a Song:

Welcome and Introduce Theme: Introduce Fun Fish team

Bible Facts with Puppets: Puppets discuss what it means to be wise. Is it someone with a big head? Or someone who is clever? What makes a person wise? When they can listen and learn.

Bible Story (spontaneous drama with children): “Who is the Wise Man?” (Luke 2)

Cast needed: Narrator

Shepherds

Wise men

Angels

People wrapped in blankets

King on his kingly pillow

Material needed:

Baby Jesus and a manger on one side of stage

Star

Sheep for shepherds

Wise men’s house on other side of stage

Gifts, crowns for wise men

Blanket and pillow

White cloth for angels

Puppets Chat on Theme (interactive): Sometimes it is hard to listen and learn. Does anyone have a clue how we can do that?

Short Prayer: “Dear God, please help us be wise. Help us to listen to good advice. Amen.”

Sing a Song:

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Story: Who is the Wiseman? (Luke 2)

A long time ago, over 2000 years ago, Jesus, David's great...grandson was born in a stable. But there were no TVs to spread the news. How would people find out?

God had a plan. He hoped someone would listen. He sent angels down from heaven. They filled the sky from one side to another. They sang and sang, "Jesus is born!" Maybe somebody would hear their songs.

People in houses didn't hear. They were asleep, wrapped up in their duvets. The king in the palace didn't hear a thing. He was asleep on his kingly pillow.

But some shepherds were out in the fields that night. They didn't have duvets or pillows or houses. They slept on the ground close by a fire. When the angels started singing, they jumped to their feet. They heard the music alright.

One angel stepped forwards. He didn't care they were poor shepherds. At least they were listening. "Don't be afraid," he said. "A mighty king is born. You will find him in a manger, in a stable in town." The angels then disappeared.

The shepherds now had a choice. Would they listen to the angel and do what he said? After all, what kind of a king was born in a stable? But the shepherds were wise. They went to find Jesus.

God wanted more visitors to come and see Jesus. He thought of another plan to get the news out. Maybe someone else would see and go. God put an enormous star high in the sky, to tell everyone a king was born.

People in houses didn't see a thing. They were asleep, wrapped up in their duvets. The king in the palace didn't see a thing. He was asleep on his kingly pillow.

But some wise men far away, saw that star. They had been up all night, watching it travel the sky. They knew that a king had been born somewhere, but they knew that baby was far away.

The wise men now had a choice. Would they follow the star wherever it took them? Would they be brave and leave that night? The wise men were wise, and set off at once. They found baby Jesus in the stable.

But what happened to all those people wrapped up in their duvets, to the king on his kingly pillow? They all missed the excitement that happened that night. But they had a choice as well. Would they believe the shepherds and wise men, who told them a king was born? ... What would you have done if you were there?

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Theme: Making Good Choices (Christmas)

Memory Verse: “Don’t let good advice go in one ear and out the other.” (Proverbs 4:2)

Sing a Song:

Welcome: Welcome the children and introduce team and theme

Puppet Introduces Theme: Puppet One and Two have special toys. Puppet Three talks about giving a special toy to those children who don’t have any. Puppet One and Two don’t want to at first. They finally decide it would be the nice thing to do.

Bible Story (spontaneous drama with children): “Why did Jesus come to earth?”

Cast: Narrator

God

Gabriel

Mary and Joseph

Angels

Adam and Eve

Materials needed:

Tinsel for angels

Edict that God gives Gabriel

Blue cloth for the sky which the angels hold up

Pin on stars and tinsel

Bench for Mary

Bed for Joseph

Puppets Chat on Theme (interactive): Sometimes it is hard to do what is right. Why do you think that is? How can we help ourselves choose to do what is right?

Short Prayer: “Dear God, please help us to choose what is right. Please help us to do what is right. Amen.”

Sing a song:

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Story: Making Good Choices (Christmas) (Matthew 1, Luke 1 – 2)

In heaven the angels loved God. They loved God so much they did what he said. God thought, “I will make a world with people in it so they can love to me too.”

He made trees, birds, and Adam and Eve, but things went wrong. A snake slithered up and whispered to them. “You don’t have to love God,” it said.

Adam and Eve nodded. “Snake, you are right,” they said. “We don’t have to listen to God. We will not do what he wants.”

God looked down from heaven, the angels looked down too. Tears spilled from their eyes. “I must do something to save this world,” said God. A wonderful idea popped into his head. “Gabriel, come here,” he called.

The chief angel bowed to God. “I want you to take a message to earth,” God said, and he whispered something into Gabriel’s ear. Gabriel flew straight to earth.

The angels watched from heaven. Where was Gabriel going? He flew over the king’s palace, over the temple. He flew over the city, over the towns. Then he stopped at a poor little house. A poor young woman sat on a bench, praying.

“Mary,” Gabriel said, “God says he is with you.”

Mary tried to answer, but was too scared to speak. “Don’t be afraid,” said Gabriel. “God will give you a baby and he will be a king forever.”

“How can I have a baby?” Mary asked. “Joseph and I aren’t married yet.”

“God will put the baby inside you. He will be God’s Son.”

Mary nodded. “I will do what God wants,” she said.

Gabriel sped back to heaven and God called him again. “Gabriel, come here.” The angels watched and wondered what would happen next. Gabriel flew down again.

This time he found Joseph asleep in his bed. “Joseph,” called Gabriel, “get up and get married right now. Mary will have a son and you must call him Jesus. He will save the world from their sins.”

Joseph jumped out of his bed. “I will do what God wants,” he said. He threw a party and got married to Mary.

In heaven the angels watched and shouted “Hurray! God is saving the earth.” They threw a party too. That is how Christmas began.

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Theme: What is Important? - A Failed Mission Saved (Christmas)

Memory Line: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart.” Colossians 2:23

Sing a Song: “When we need to chat...”

“Ho, ho, ho, ho, hoping...”

Welcome: introduce Fun Fish Team

Puppet Bible Facts: Fifty Bibles are sold every minute around the world. The Bible is the world’s bestselling book, but it is also the world’s most shoplifted book.

Introduce theme: What is important? This assembly is about how everything almost fell apart and someone saved it all.

Bible Story (spontaneous drama with children):

Cast needed: narrator

Adam and Eve

God

Snake

Gabriel

Mary

Materials needed: green cape for snake

Blue cloth for Mary

A child to hold some branches as a tree, and a piece of fruit

White cloth for Angel

Discussion on Theme (interactive): What is important to you? Why?

Short Prayer: “Dear God, thank you for Jesus being born on Christmas. Amen.”

Puppet Bible Quiz: from facts at the beginning of the assembly

Sing a Song: “Row, row, row...remember what’s important.”

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Story: What is Important? A Failed Mission Saved (Genesis 3, Luke 1)

The Bible says God created the world. He made everything we see on earth and he also made people. But when we look at how polluted the earth is, how people hurt each other, it might be easy to wonder why God made people at all. But God loves people and came up with a plan to save the world. But let us start at the beginning.

In the beginning God made Adam and Eve and he gave them everything they needed. But he also gave them a rule, one little rule. It wasn't a hard one to keep.

God said, "Adam and Eve, it is so good to have you around. You can eat any fruit you want to around here, except for one." And God pointed to it. "That one over there. If you eat it you will die."

Adam and Eve nodded and did what God said until a serpent slithered up to them. It whispered, "What did God actually say to you?"

Eve answered. "God said we could eat what we wanted, except the fruit on that tree over there. He said we mustn't touch it or eat it or we will die."

"You won't die," the serpent said, "but your eyes will be opened and you will be like God."

Eve looked at the fruit. It looked harmless enough so she took a bite and gave it to Adam. He bit it and suddenly they knew they had done wrong. They didn't drop dead that very instant, but their friendship with God died. God was so sad. They hadn't respected him in one little thing and it was like a wall came up between them and God.

But God loved the world and he wanted to talk with people again, so he came up with a plan, the best plan in the world. "Gabriel," God called.

Gabriel the chief angel bowed down before the throne. "I want you to take a message to earth," God said and Gabriel bowed again.

Gabriel flew straight down, but he didn't stop at the king's palace, or the temple, or the city, or the towns. He stopped at a poor little house. A poor young woman was sitting on a bench, praying.

"Mary," Gabriel said, "God is with you."

Mary looked up and started trembling. "Don't be scared, Mary," Gabriel said. "You will have a baby and call him Jesus. He will be a king forever and He will save this world."

"How can I have a baby?" Mary asked. "Joseph and I aren't married yet."

"God will put the baby inside you," Gabriel said. "He will be the Son of God, for nothing is impossible with God."

Mary nodded and whispered, "I will do what God says."



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Theme: A Young Woman Says, "Yes!" (Christmas)

Memory Line: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart." Colossians 2:23

Sing a Song:

Welcome: introduce Fun Fish Team

Puppet Bible Facts: Did you know: fifty Bibles are sold every minute around the world. The Bible is the world's bestselling book, but it is also the world's most shoplifted book. Strange, because the Bible says, "Don't steal."

This assembly is about how things were going wrong, and then someone decided to join the mission.

Bible Story (spontaneous drama with children): A Young Woman Says, "Yes!" (Genesis 3, Luke 1)

Cast needed: narrator

Adam and Eve

God

Snake

Angel Gabriel

Mary

Materials needed: A garden on one side of stage (a green cape for snake)

A child to hold some branches as a tree, and a piece of fruit

Heaven in centre stage (A throne for God)

Mary in a house on other side of stage (blue cloth for Mary)

White cloth for Angel

Discussion on Theme (interactive): What adventure would you really like to do in life?

Short Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for Jesus' birth on Christmas day. Amen."

Sing a Song:

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Story: A Young Woman Says, "Yes!" (Christmas) (Genesis 3, Luke 1)

The Bible says God created a good world. He made everything we see on earth and he also made people. But people polluted the earth, they even hurt each other. God was sad, even though he still loved them. He came up with a plan on how to save the world.

Let's start at the beginning... God made Adam and Eve and he gave them everything they needed. But he also gave them a rule, one little rule. It wasn't a hard one to keep. God said, "Adam and Eve, it is so good to have you here. You can eat any fruit you want, except for one." God pointed to it. "That one over there. If you eat it you will die."

Adam and Eve nodded and did what God said, that is, until a serpent slithered up to them. "What did God actually say to you?" it hissed.

Eve answered. "God said we could eat anything we want, except the fruit on that tree over there. He said we mustn't touch it or eat it, or we will die."

"You won't die," said the serpent. "Your eyes will be opened and you will be able to see things like God."

Eve looked at the fruit. It looked harmless enough. She took a bite and gave it to Adam. He ate it too.

Suddenly Adam and Eve knew they had done wrong. They didn't drop dead that very instant, but they ruined their friendship with God. God was so sad. Adam and Eve hadn't respected him, and it was like a wall between them and God.

But God still wanted to be friends. He came up with a plan, the best plan in the world. "Angel Gabriel," called God.

Angel Gabriel, the chief angel in heaven, he came and bowed down to God. "Gabriel, It's time to save the world. I want you to take a message to a young woman called Mary."

Gabriel flew down. He stopped at Mary's poor little house. "Mary," said Gabriel, "God is with you." But Mary started to tremble.

"Don't be scared, Mary," said Gabriel. "God wants you to have a baby and call him Jesus. He will be a king and save this world. He will set wrong things right."

Mary stopped trembling. Gabriel kept talking. "Mary, God will put that special baby inside you. That baby will be called the Son of God. Okay?"

"Yes!" said Mary. "I will do what God wants." Mary became a part of the mission, even though she was young and poor. She joined the adventure because she said, "Yes!"