

May 31
God's Gifts

Story:

★ **Introduction & Story:**

God gives us lots of things in our life that are so good.

He gives us our family. He gives us our friends. People are one of the most important parts of our life.

Our family teaches us so many things. When we are babies, we don't know how to do anything. Our family loves us very much and we love them back. Soon we learn to walk and talk. We learn to play games, how to read and add numbers.

Our friends help us learn how to play together, how to share, how to care for one another.

God gave us Jesus, His Son. Jesus showed us how to love others by loving us. Jesus came to give us the greatest gift of all. He gives us the gift of heaven.

We can know Jesus better by reading his Word, the Bible. The Bible is also a gift that God gave us.

We come to church to learn more about Jesus. Our church is a gift from God, too. At church, we can enjoy family and friends. We can learn more about Jesus and his love for us.

★ **Connection to God's Overall Story/Plan:** God the Father loves us. He gives us help and good gifts. Jesus, His Son, is the best helper for us and the best gift God has ever given us.

Follow Up:

★ **Prayer** Thank God for family, friends, and Jesus. Thank God for His help.

Memory Verse Practice:

★ Verse:

- Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His faithful love lasts forever. -- Psalm 136:1
- Every good and perfect gift is from above -- James 1:17a

Sticky Activities:

★ Worksheets & coloring pages

★ Sensory:

 Experiential (doing/experiencing)

1. "Gift Unwrapping Circle"

Wrap simple pictures or objects (family photo, church picture, heart for Jesus, friendship bracelet). Kids take turns opening one and saying, "God gives good gifts!"

2. "Helping Hands Practice"

Set up mini scenarios (helping a friend, sharing toys, giving a hug). Kids act them out together.

 Visual

1. "God's Gifts Poster Wall"

Create a large poster with sections: Family, Friends, Church, Jesus. Kids add drawings or printed images.

2. "Picture Sorting Boards"

Provide mixed picture cards. Kids sort them under "God's gifts" categories.

 Smell

1. "Blessings Smell Jars"

Use cotton balls with safe scents: vanilla (home/family), lavender (peace/church), citrus (joy/friends).

2. "Nature Gifts Walk & Sniff"

Bring in pine, flowers, or herbs. Let kids smell and say, "Thank you God for good gifts!"

 Touch

1. "Friendship Texture Bag"

Bags with soft fabric, rough bark, smooth stones—kids feel and talk about how gifts feel different but good.

2. "Family Hug Chain"

Kids gently squeeze hands or give safe hugs in a circle to feel love and connection.

 Movement

1. "Gift Relay"

Kids run or walk to pick up picture cards labeled family, friends, church, Jesus and bring them back.

2. "Thank You God Actions"

Call out gifts and kids respond with movement:

- Family = arms like a house
 - Friends = high five
 - Church = hands together
 - Jesus = point upward
-

 Sound

1. "Gratitude Echo Game"

Leader says: "God gives us..." kids echo: "good gifts!"

2. "Instrument Praise Band"

Use shakers, bells, or drums while singing a simple song about God's gifts.

 Crafts

1. "Gift Box Collage"

Kids decorate paper boxes and fill them with drawings of family, friends, church, Jesus.

2. "Handprint Blessing Tree"

Each child adds a handprint leaf to a tree labeled "God's Good Gifts."

 Taste

1. "Gift Snack Mix"

Pretzels, fruit, crackers—each ingredient represents a gift. Kids say what gift they're thankful for between bites.

2. "Sweet & Salty Reminder"

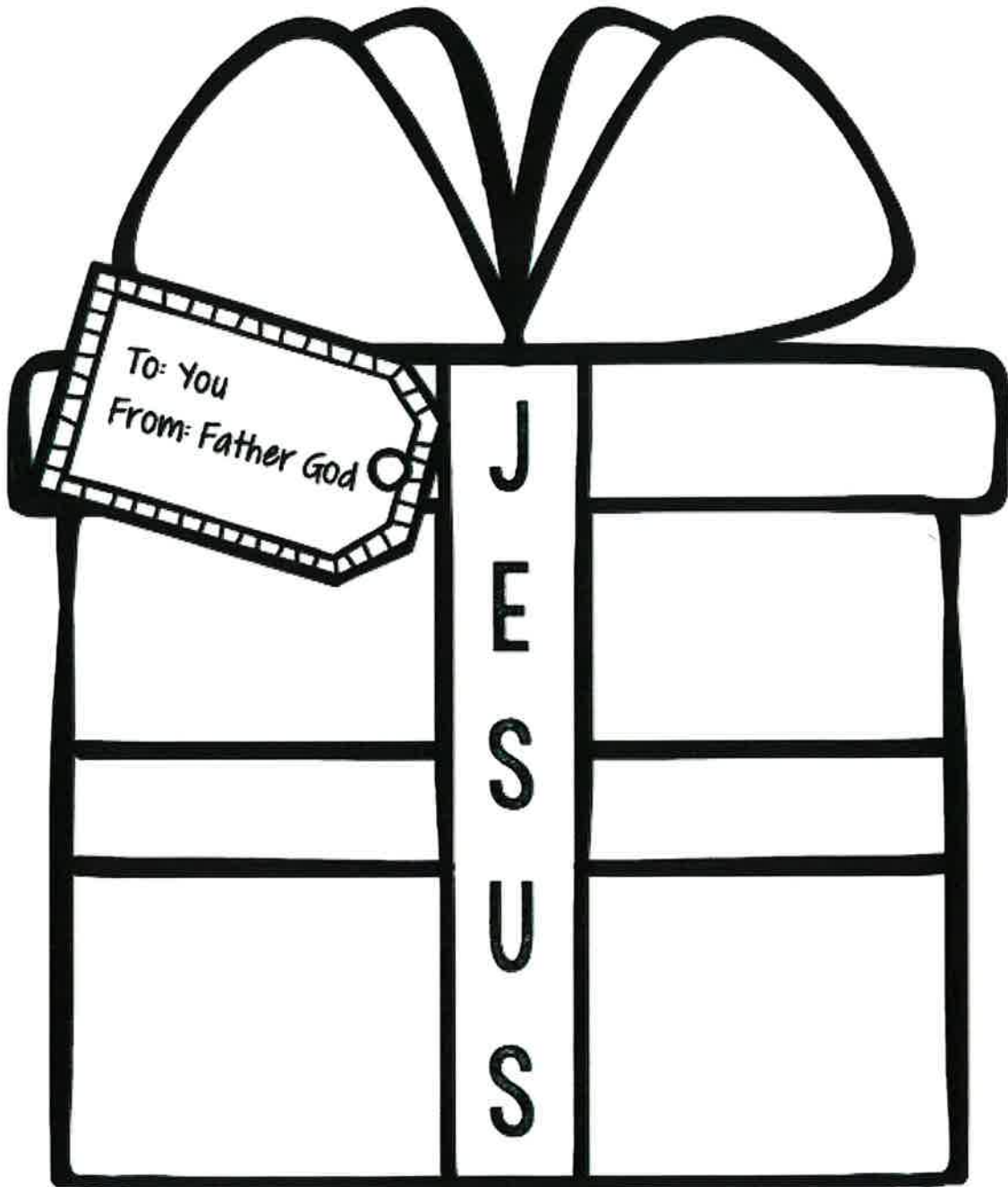
Give two simple snacks (e.g., fruit and crackers). Talk about how God gives both sweet joy (friends) and steady care (family/church).

No gift compares to Jesus!



Name _____

JESUS IS GOD'S GIFT TO US!



Limars Stars

