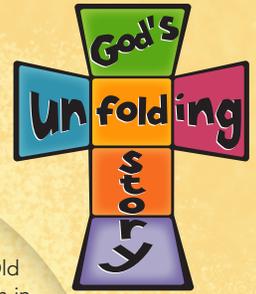


# Unit Overview

## Christmas



### Kingdom Perspective

The animal sacrifices offered in the Old Testament demonstrated people's faith in God, but these sacrifices were inadequate to atone for human sin. Yet they pointed to the ultimate sacrifice God would make for humanity in the form of His Son, Jesus, on the cross. Jesus' arrival on earth made God's kingdom accessible to people as it never before had been. Further, responding to God's Son in faith and obedience makes people citizens of God's kingdom, and it places His kingdom in their hearts.

We see in the pages of Scripture that God's unfolding story is moving toward a climax. The climax we as New Testament Christians await is Jesus' return to earth. Old Testament believers, however, waited with anticipation and faith for Jesus' first coming. In this seasonal study of Jesus' incarnation, even in the midst of a study of Old Testament events, it is helpful to keep the Old Testament perspective in mind. Sin deeply marred the perfect world God had created, but God would send His Son to implement a plan of redemption and restoration. Even preschoolers can understand that God was preparing His people for Jesus' arrival, and that when God's Son finally came to earth as a baby, it was right and proper to welcome and worship Him. Accordingly, we rejoice over His arrival and worship Him today!



**Lesson 1: "The Prophets' Story" (Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2; Luke 2:7)**  
Bible Truth: God promised to send His Son.

**Lesson 2: "Mary's Story" (Luke 1:26-56)**  
Bible Truth: God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus.

**Lesson 3: "Joseph's Story" (Matthew 1:18-25)**  
Bible Truth: Mary will give birth to God's Son, and His name is Jesus.

**Lesson 4: "The Shepherds' Story" (Luke 2:1-20)**  
Bible Truth: God's Son Jesus was born for us.

**Lesson 5: "The Wise Men's Story" (Matthew 2:1-12)**  
Bible Truth: I can worship Jesus.

### Making the Most of the "Christmas" Unit from *God's Unfolding Story* for Older Preschoolers

The lesson plans and related resources for the above lessons can be downloaded from [SundaySchoolZone.com](http://SundaySchoolZone.com). In addition, there are a number of other helpful articles and resources on the website that can help you be an effective teacher and make the most of this unit. Below is a list of helpful articles you can link to or download in "Getting Started with God's Unfolding Story."

The Session Schedule  
God's Unfolding Story Cube  
Lesson Components  
Who Developed this Stuff?  
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Why Are We Using Yahweh to Refer to God?  
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*God's Unfolding Story for Older Preschoolers* Study Plan  
Preschoolers are Incredible People!  
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