

Rescuer – Lesson 3

Order of Service (Skit)

1) Introduction

2) Welcome & Memory Verse

Hey everybody! My name is _____ and I am so glad all of you are here today. Are you all ready to sing and worship God? Do you remember the memory verse we've been learning?

Let's all stand up and say it together!

"God (point up)

loved (sign for love)

the world (arms form a circle above your head)

so much (arms way out wide)

that he gave (hands palms up out in front of you like offering a gift)

his one (hold up one finger)

and only Son. (use arms like cradling a baby)

Anyone (arm sweeps in front of you and out as if presenting everyone)

who believes (point to head)

in him (point up)

will not die (squatting down while moving hands palms down back and forth over the tops of each other like in the hand jive)

but will have eternal life." (jump up with hands above your head)

John 3:16

Let's try that one more time. (Repeat.)

That was great! We've been learning about how God sent his Son Jesus to rescue us and how he used Mary and Joseph's lives to be part of God's story. Many people were excited to hear the great news of Jesus' birth. Let's listen closely and find out what happened after Jesus was born.

3) Skit

Roles:

Storyteller

Shepherd 1

Shepherd 2

Sheep

A/V

Props:

Shepherd costume 1

Shepherd costume 2

Spotlight

Storyteller: **It started on a hillside outside the city of Bethlehem where Jesus was born. While Mary and Joseph were in the stable, there were some shepherds watching over their sheep.**

(2 shepherds enter and sheep makes sheep sounds from behind the stage, baaa)

Shepherd 1: **Don't these sheep ever sleep?**

Shepherd 2: **They don't seem to! I should quit this job. I have worn out two pairs of sandals chasing lost sheep this month.**

Shepherd 1: **I know, every time I try to count the sheep, I fall asleep.**

Shepherd 2: **Well, things will be different when the Messiah comes.**

Shepherd 1: **Oh, right. Our people have been waiting 400 years for the Messiah. Besides, we are stuck out here on this hill, and we probably won't even know he's here.**

(Lights down over the shepherds)

Storyteller: **While the shepherds were feeling sorry for themselves, they didn't know that nearby, something really amazing was happening. Suddenly, the shepherds saw a great light.** (Spotlight on the shepherds) **An angel appeared and the glory of the Lord shone all around the shepherds. They were afraid and fell to their knees.** (Shepherds fall to their knees.) **But the angel said, "Do not be afraid, for I bring you good news. Today in the city of David a baby is born, he is Christ the Lord. You will find him wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger."** (Lights down and shepherds exit.) **When the angels were gone, the shepherds hurried off to go see the baby. On their way back from seeing Jesus, the Savior of the world, the shepherds told everyone what they had seen. They were so loud that even the sheep woke up!**

(Shepherds enter again)

Shepherd 1: **We've seen the Messiah!**

Shepherd 2: **We saw the Christ Child in Bethlehem!**

Shepherd 1: **God answered our prayers!**

Shepherd 2: **The Lord has been born!**

Shepherd 1: **We love you God! You're the Greatest!**

Shepherd 2: **Praise God!**

(Shepherds exit room)

Storyteller: **They worshiped God for all the things they got to see. They worshiped God because God did what he said he'd do. We are going to pray, and then we will worship God with our singing.**

Let's pray. Dear God, we thank you for who you are and that you always keep your promises. Thank you for sending Jesus to rescue us. Help us to worship you with our lives every day. Amen.

4) Songs

Are you guys ready to worship? I know I am. So let's get started.

5) Prayer & Closing

Great job singing! Let's sit back down and pray before we go back to our classes. Dear God, thank you so much for the great news of Christmas. Help us to remember that because of Jesus, we can be forgiven of our sins, and that is the greatest gift of all. Amen.

Thanks so much for coming today! We'll see you next time!

