

# December Extra Activities

## For Threes and Fours

### Matching Shapes

Supplies: Bible; construction paper; marker; star, bell, and people-shaped cookie cutters

**In advance**, cut construction paper in half. Trace one cookie cutter shape on each piece of construction paper. Mix cards.

Invite preschoolers to match and sort the cookie cutters and the construction paper shapes. Say: Zack and Jennifer Dove want people in Norway to know that Christmas is about God sending His Son Jesus.

**Open the Bible and read:** God loved us and sent his Son (see 1 John 4:10).

### Play Dough Cookies

Supplies: [Allergy Alert Chart](#), play dough, rolling pins, cookie cutters, cookie sheets

Post the allergy alert chart. Discuss special Christmas treats as preschoolers make play dough cookies. Say: Jennifer Dove enjoys baking cookies and sharing them with children in Norway.

### Pack a Suitcase

Supplies: Bible, small suitcases and backpacks, winter dress-up clothes, toy cameras

Discuss packing for a trip while preschoolers pack, pretend to go to Norway, and take pictures of their trip. Say: The Doves moved to Norway so they can tell people there about Jesus.

**Open the Bible and read:** We want to tell people about Jesus (see Acts 4:20).

### Free Coffee!

Supplies: [Allergy Alert Chart](#), dry coffee grounds, wet used coffee grounds, coffee beans, plastic bowls

**In advance**, place coffee items in separate bowls. Post the allergy alert chart.

Invite preschoolers to look at, smell, and touch the coffee items. Say: The Doves work with their church to serve free coffee with their Home Church Kaffesykkel [Cough-ih-sick-ill]. As they give out coffee, they visit with people and offer to pray for them or tell them about Jesus.

## For Kindergarten

### Christmas Music

Supplies: rhythm instruments

Provide instruments for preschoolers to play while singing songs about Jesus, [Sing to the Tune](#) pages 14-16. Say: We celebrate Christmas because God sent His Son Jesus.

**Open the Bible and read:** Jesus was born in Bethlehem (see Matt. 2:1).

### Invite a Guest

Supplies: ["All About Lottie Moon,"](#) tablecloth, toy dishes and food

**In advance**, invite a college student to visit and be prepared to read "All About Lottie Moon" and share the Group Time story.

Let the college student share "All About Lottie Moon" as preschoolers make a pretend meal for each other. Say: The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering helps the Doves buy food to serve meals to college students at Bible study.

During Group Time, allow the college student to tell the story. Pray for the Doves as they teach college students.

### Preparing for Guests

Supplies: reusable shopping bags, empty food boxes, toy cash register, toy paper money, notepads, pencils

Encourage preschoolers to plan a menu, make a shopping list, shop for groceries, and prepare a pretend meal. Say: The Doves invite people to their home for meals, Bible study, and talking about Jesus.

**Open the Bible and read:** We want to tell people about Jesus (see Acts 4:20).

### Winter River Fun

Supplies: electronic tablet, clean socks and mittens (one pair each per child)

**In advance**, search online for pictures of Norwegians ice skating on frozen rivers.

Look at the pictures. Help preschoolers put on socks and mittens. Go to a linoleum or wood covered floor so preschoolers can pretend to ice skate on a river. Sing "This Is the Way We Jump in the River," page 36, changing the words to "skate on the river." Say: People in Norway enjoy winter sports.

**Caution:** Supervise carefully.