

ALIVE IN JESUS

SLIDE 1-3: “Welcome, FAMILY! I’m so glad you’re here for Sabbath School today! Look at the clock! It’s just about time to start! Let’s raise our arms over our heads and pretend to be clocks (Move your arms in a clockwise fashion mimicking a clock and encourage families to do the same):

SLIDES 4-9: “5...4...3...2...1...! IT’S TIME FOR SABBATH SCHOOL!”

SLIDES 10-11: “Aren’t you so happy it’s the Sabbath? Let’s ring our Sabbath Bells to celebrate our special day with Jesus!” (Sing, *Sabbath Bells – give bells to family: one to parent and one to child. Encourage them to ring together!*)

SLIDES 12-13: “Now let’s get in a circle and hold hands and ring our bells together!” (Sing *Sabbath Bells again*)

SLIDES 14-19: “Families, can you think about what your favorite thing is? Maybe you have a favorite fruit? Or maybe you have a favorite blanket? Or maybe you have a favorite activity on the playground? (Give time for parents and children to express their favorites) One thing we can all agree is a major favorite, is the SABBATH DAY! It’s our special day to spend with our Creator and our Redeemer, Jesus! Let’s sing our song The Sabbath and make a joyful noise unto the Lord while we come into His presence with singing!” (Hand out instruments to families – one to parent and one to child – and encourage them to play with their instruments)

SLIDES 20-21: “Wow! What a wonderful time to celebrate together! That makes me smile! Families, can you show me your smile? Now show your big smiles to each other! God created us with this wonderful ability to show our happiness with a smile. Because God is a good God, we can be happy all the time! Let’s sing our song, “Happy all the time!” Parents, if your children need help with the motions, hold their hands and do them together!”

SLIDES 22-25: It’s offering time—a time to worship God by sharing our blessings with others. This quarter, our mission offering will go to support spreading God’s love in South America. It will be used to build churches and schools, print materials for others to learn about Jesus, and so much more! Bring your offering up as we sing Here is My Money for Jesus.

SLIDES 26-28: It’s prayer time where we can talk to our friend and king, Jesus! Parents, show your children how to pray by example – let’s bend our knees, fold our hands, and close our eyes and we sing. (Give parents words of grace if their children don’t entirely cooperate. Encourage them to joyfully persevere and that *this is a safe space for learning*)

SLIDES 29-31: It’s Bible time! Let’s open our Bibles together as a family and learn about Jesus’ love as we sing I Open My Bible Carefully. (Give one Bible to each family and encourage them to look together, coach parents to teach their children to explore the Bible and treat it gently)

SLIDES 32-34: Today’s story starts with two people—Mary and Joseph. They lived in a little town called Nazareth. Mary and Joseph loved God very much. The time was just right in God’s plan of salvation to send His son, a part of Himself. God saw these two people, Mary and Joseph, and knew they would be a perfect couple to be His parents. Do you know God can see you too? What does God see when He sees you? One thing is for sure, He looks at you with love. Let’s sing, God Sees Me, as we look through our binoculars. (Coach parents and children to make their hands like binoculars and encourage engagement).

SLIDES 35-41: Mary was busy with the daily household chores. Perhaps, she was kneading bread for the day. Can you pretend to knead dough with me like Mary? (Push the palm of one hand into the other palm pretending to knead dough – encourage families to follow your example) **SLIDES 36** God sent a special angel to visit Mary and share the wonderful news that she would be the mother of His son. Mary was surprised, but joyful that she would be given such an honor. Can you show me how you look surprised? **SLIDES 37-38** Joseph was busy, too, on the day he heard the news. He was a carpenter, and he was busy working on a project. Perhaps he was using a plane to smooth out a piece of wood. Can you pretend to use a plane with me like Joseph? (Slide the palm of one hand into the other palm pretending to use a plane – encourage families to follow your example) God sent the same special angel to Joseph to tell him the good news. Joseph was surprised but chose to trust God. Can you show me how you look surprised? **SLIDES 39** After some time, Mary and Joseph came together, sharing the good news the angel told them. They felt honored to be given such a privilege. I can imagine they knelt together and prayed, praising God and asking Him for wisdom and guidance as they prepared to be His parents. Do you think God answered their prayers? I’m sure He did. God was with them, every step of the way. God will be with you every step of the way in

your life, in your parenting if you ask Him and let Him. Isn't that good news? Let's sing *God is with Me* as we wave our flags.

SLIDES 42 As the baby grew inside her, Mary's tummy got bigger and bigger. During that time, **SLIDES 43** the king of the region where Mary and Joseph lived wanted to count all people who lived in his realm. To do this, he required everyone to go back to their hometowns. For Joseph, that meant traveling all the way to Bethlehem—a very long journey. Though Mary was about to give birth, they had to go. **SLIDES 44** Mary rode on their trusty donkey as they travelled the long journey to Bethlehem. **SLIDES 45-46** Can you imagine riding on a donkey for miles and miles? Parents as you sit, put your children on your laps and lift your legs up one at a time, bouncing them on your knees. Children, perhaps this is how Mary felt while on that donkey. Let's do this as we sing *Clip-Clop*.

SLIDES 47-53 When Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem, the town was crowded with people, all there for the counting. The couple went to the inn, but found there were no rooms left. The innkeeper could only offer them his stable. The weary couple agreed to stay there despite the presence of all the animals. As most people slept through the night, the most wonderful event in history took place—the Savior of the world, Jesus, was born. **SLIDES 52-53** Our memory verse tells us about this wonderful happening. Let's sing our memory verse song together.

SLIDES 54-56 After Jesus was born, Mary carefully washed her baby. Let's wash our babies as we sing *Baby Jesus* (Give each child and parent a doll and washcloth and encourage them to wash their babies together)

SLIDES 57-58 After Baby Jesus was all clean, Mary wrapped Him in swaddling clothes. Let's wrap our babies snug and warm in their blankets as we sing *Baby Jesus*. (Give each child and parent a little blanket and encourage them to wrap their babies together)

SLIDES 59-60 After Baby Jesus was wrapped up snug and warm, Mary hugged her baby and rocked him to sleep. Let's rock our babies as we sing *Baby Jesus*. (Encourage child and parent to rock their babies together)

SLIDES 61-62 When Jesus was sound asleep, Joseph filled a manger—a place where animals eat out of—with clean hay and Mary laid Him down to sleep. Let's come lay our babies down in our manger as we sing *goodnight to Baby*

Jesus. (Prepare ahead of time a manger scene in your classroom décor. Encourage child and parent to place their babies in the manger together)

SLIDES 63-66 The animals in the stable seemed pleased to have the baby Jesus with them. They softly made their animal sounds as they looked and looked at the baby king in their presence. **SLIDES 64** (Give each family a cow) Can you tell me what a cow says? Can you moo softly? Let's put our cows by the manger as we sing *I'll Share My Home*. **SLIDES 65** (Give each family a sheep) Can you tell me what a sheep says? Can you baa softly? Let's put our sheep by the manger as we sing *I'll Share My Home*.

SLIDES 67-71 On the hills round about Bethlehem, shepherds were watching their flocks, when an angel appeared them to share the good news that Jesus our Savior was born in a stable in Bethlehem. Suddenly the sky filled with shining angels singing "Glory to God in the highest! And on earth, peace good will toward men!" Let's play our instruments as we sing *The Angels Sang for Joy*. (Give each child and parent an instrument and encourage them to play together)

SLIDES 72-76 The shepherds ran to the stable where Jesus was born. If you saw such a sight of angels, how fast would you run? Let's pretend to run in place like the shepherds. When they arrived at the stable, they kneeled in prayer to before the baby Jesus, their king. Let's kneel as we sing *The Shepherds came to Pray*.

SLIDES 77-79 Like the angels, the shepherds could not keep this to themselves. They went throughout Bethlehem sharing the good news of their Savior Baby Jesus' birth. Let's make our hands like a megaphone as we sing *It Was a Happy Day*.

SLIDES 80-82 From far away, the angels heralding Jesus' birth looked like a shining star in the bright night sky. Can you make your fingers twinkle like stars? Let's do this as we sing *Christmas Star*. Parents lift your children in the air while they twinkle.

SLIDES 83-87 Wiseman in the east saw this Christmas star. They knew of the prophecies that a special star would shine when the Savior of the world would be born. They loaded their camels and road toward the star. Let's take turns riding our camel as we sing *Riding on a Camel*.

SLIDES 88-90 By the time the wiseman arrived in Bethlehem, Baby Jesus was much, much bigger. What joy it was for them to see Mary holding Jesus. They

got off their camels and presented the child with wonderful gifts: Gold, Frankincense—the perfume of flowers, and Myrrh—the perfume of spices. Let's see what the wiseman's presents may have looked like (*Prepare examples of the wiseman's three gifts – large gold coins, Something resembling frankincense that smells of flowers that the families can smell, and something resembling Myrrh that smells like spices that the families can smell—use essential oils for this*) **SLIDES 89** (*Give each child and parent a small wrapped up present*) Let's bring our gifts to the Jesus as we sing *The Wiseman Brought their gifts.* (*Encourage child and parent bring their gifts and place them by the manger*)

SLIDES 91-95 The wiseman praised God for the opportunity to see the Baby King who would save the world from sin. As they got on their camels and rode home, their hearts were filled with joy at the experience. **SLIDES 93** The Bible says Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, in favor with God and man. It was a joy for Mary and Joseph to have Jesus in their home. **SLIDES 94-95** It was such a happy, happy home! Let's clap our hands as we sing *Jesus in the Family.*

SLIDES 96-102 As Jesus became an adult, He did many wonderful things. **SLIDES 96** He taught of God's word, His love and His care **SLIDES 97** He was a wonderful person who made friends with people who others shunned **SLIDES 98** He performed miracles like walking on water **SLIDES 99** And healing people from sickness and **SLIDES 100** even raising others from the dead. Many asked, who is Jesus? **SLIDES 101-102** Let's sing our song to answer that question. Follow the motions as we sing:

MOTIONS:

- Who is Jesus – Shrug shoulders with palms up in an “I don't know” posture, look around.
- He's God's Son—Point to heaven, repeat
- Born to be our Savior—make hands into fists and cross arms at wrists, then separate arms as if to break shackles, repeat.
- Follow Him—March in place.

SLIDES 103-105 Jesus' ministry lasted 3.5 years, and then the religious leaders at the time killed him, by nailing him to a cross. He did this because He loves you and He loves your mommies and daddies. This was part of the plan of salvation to save us from sin! Jesus did this because of love for you. Isn't that amazing to think about. Parents hug and rock your children as we sing *Jesus Cares for you.*

SLIDES 106-108 But Jesus' death is not the end of the story. He died on a Friday, rested on the 7th day Sabbath as was His custom and as He bid all of humanity to do in His eternal ten commandments, and then on the first day of the week, He rose from the dead. And now the Bible says he ever lives to make a place for us in heaven, by continuing the rest of the plan of salvation as taught in the sanctuary. The nail print in His hands will ever be a reminder to us of His love and care. We can trust Him! Let's sing *He's got the Whole World In His Hands* as we do the motions for the song.

- He's got the Whole world—stretch your arms out and move them in the shape of a circle
- In his hands—end the circle shape with hands open together, like a cup.
- (repeat for lyrics)

SLIDES 109-112 Families we can trust God and His love. He sacrificed everything for us. We can put our lives in His hands. Would you make the decision to do that today? YES! Let's invite God into our homes and hearts and allow Him to shine out to others through us as we sing *Into my Heart.* Parents have children sit on your lap and hold their arms and draw them into your child's Heart as we sing.

SLIDES 113 When Jesus is living in our hearts, we can shine for Him wherever we go. What does it look like to shine for Jesus? It means showing His love to others through our actions! When we sing *Out of my Heart* do the opposite motion.

SLIDES 114-115 Let's review and sing our memory verse one more time!

SLIDES 116-117 It's Nature Box time! Families, go find a nature box and bring it back to your seat! Don't open it until everyone's ready to open it!

SLIDES 118! Ready? Open your boxes! (*place a box from nature in the box that you can use to share a Bible lesson with*)

SLIDES 119-120 Alright! Our Sabbath school time is over! Let's sing our song as we wave goodbye.

SLIDES 121-126 Kids Enjoy your Snack/Sensory Time. It's now Parent time. Parents, please scan the QR code on the screen to access the parent time questions.

CLASS SUPPLIES:

BELLS – “Sabbath Bells”

INSTRUMENTS – “The Sabbath”

SMALL BIBLES – “I Open My Bible Carefully”

Flags – “God is with me”

Baby dolls – “Baby Jesus”

Washcloth – “Baby Jesus”

Small blanket – “Baby Jesus”

Manger – “Baby Jesus”

Cows – “I’ll Share my Home”

Sheep – “I’ll Share my Home”

Instrument – “The Angels Sang for Joy”

Rocking horse – “Riding on a Camel”

Plastic Gold coins – wisemen’s gifts

Frankincense Essential oil – wiseman’s gift

Myrrh Essential oil – wiseman’s gifts

Small wrapped gifts – wiseman’s gifts