



UNIT 16 | DECEMBER 2019

Babies -Toddlers Lesson

Jesus Was Born

Bible Passage: Matthew 1; Luke 2

Story Point: We can talk to God.

Key Passage: “Pray constantly, give thanks in everything” 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18.

Christ connection: Jesus will always be with us.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS

God planned to send Jesus to save us. God’s plan was very special. God chose people—even people who made wrong choices—to be a part of Jesus’ family on earth! God chose Mary to be Jesus’ mother. Mary and Joseph lived in Galilee, but they traveled to Bethlehem. God’s Son was born in Bethlehem, and they named Him Jesus. That night, an angel said to shepherds nearby, “A Savior was born in Bethlehem!” A sky full of angels praised God. The shepherds ran to Bethlehem and found Baby Jesus. God’s very own Son was born—God with us! The shepherds praised God and told everyone about what they had seen.

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

God gave Jesus a family on earth.
Jesus is the Son of God, and Jesus is a man.
Jesus is God with us.

HOW TO USE THE ACTIVITIES

As a nursery volunteer, your primary focus is on keeping babies-toddlers safe and happy. We understand that your classroom is busy, and your hands are literally full. However, we know that your influence on these children is more than childcare. The activities included in this lesson are suggestions of how to be more intentional in pointing little ones to Jesus. The theme will remain the same all month long. Choose one activity per week to focus on and don’t worry if you run out of time.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

Each month make sure to pass out the Big Picture Card for families to interact with at home.

BABIES ACTIVITIES

LOOK IN THE BIBLE

(small Bibles, Bible story picture, and key passage card – per class)

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Matthew 1; Luke 2. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

SAY • WE CAN TALK TO GOD. People prayed for God to send a Savior for a long time. Jesus is God with us. Jesus will always be with us. [*Pray.*]

LOOK FOR THE FAMILY

(1 shallow bin filled with fabric or paper scraps – per class, several people figures – per class)

Place people figures in a shallow plastic bin. Conceal the people with fabric or paper scraps. Encourage babies to look for the family. Talk about the story.

SAY • Jesus is the Son of God, and Jesus is a man. God gave Jesus a family on earth. God sent Jesus to be with us. Jesus will always be with us. WE CAN TALK TO GOD to thank Him for sending His Son, Jesus.

TODDLER ACTIVITIES

CIRCLE TIME (5 MINUTES)

(small Bibles, Bible story picture, and key passage card per class)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card to toddlers. Open your Bible to Matthew 1; Luke 2. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the story. Say the story point and gospel gems. Pray.

Story Point: We can talk to God.

GOSPEL GEMS

God gave Jesus a family on earth.
Jesus is the Son of God, and Jesus is a man.
Jesus is God with us.

COUNT SHEEP

(10 large cotton balls – per class)

Provide 10 large cotton balls for toddlers to touch as you count aloud. Talk about how the shepherds took care of sheep. Retell the story.

SAY • Jesus is God's Son, and Jesus is a man. An angel told the shepherds Jesus was born to save people. Jesus is God with us. WE CAN TALK TO GOD.

FREEZE DANCE

(Christmas worship songs)

Play favorite Christmas worship songs and invite the toddlers to dance. After a few seconds, pause the music and tell the toddlers to freeze. Say the story point or Christ connection and play again. Retell the Bible story when the game is over.

SAY • WE CAN TALK TO GOD because of Jesus. Jesus will always be with us.

READ ABOUT JESUS

(“God Sent Jesus Book” printable – 2 per class)

Read the story to the toddlers and point to the pictures.

SAY • WE CAN TALK TO GOD. We can praise God because Jesus is God with us.