



UNIT 19 | MARCH 2020

Babies-Toddlers Lesson

Jesus Was Born

Bible Passage: Luke 2

Story Point: There is no one like Jesus.

Key Passage: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1

Christ connection: Jesus came into the world to save us.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS

(Manger Scene Puppets)

The Roman emperor said that everyone in Judea must return to his homeland to be counted. Joseph was in King David’s family, so he traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem with Mary. While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Jesus—God’s Son—to be born. Mary wrapped Him tightly in cloth and put Him in a manger because there was no room where they could stay. Some shepherds were watching their sheep at night, when an angel appeared. The angel said, “Do not be afraid! Today a Savior was born for you in Bethlehem. He is the Messiah!” Then more angels praised God, saying, “Glory to God and peace on earth to people He loves.” The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found Baby Jesus. They went home, praising God for sending a Savior.

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

Jesus is the Son of God.

God sent Jesus to earth to be our Savior.

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

(Big Picture Card, *1 per family first weekend of the month)

Hand parents/influencers the Big Picture Card and encourage them to review the Babies & Toddlers Christ Connection with their child this week.

**Designate a pickup location for rest of month*

BABIES ACTIVITIES

LOOK IN THE BIBLE

(Small Bibles, Key Passage Card)

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

SAY • Jesus is the Son of God, and Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Jesus came into the world to rescue us from sin. THERE IS NO ONE LIKE JESUS. [*Pray.*]

PRACTICE COUNTING

(Manger Set)

Gather the Mary, Joseph, and Jesus figures from a baby-safe manger set. Sit on the floor with a baby. Place the figures in front of him. Help him hold each figure as you count. Repeat as he shows interest. Talk about the Bible story.

SAY • Mary and Joseph had to travel to be counted, and Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Jesus came into the world to rescue us from sin. THERE IS NO ONE LIKE JESUS!

LOOK IN A MIRROR

(Non-breakable Mirror)

Sit with a baby on your lap. Hold a non-breakable hand mirror and encourage the baby to look at her own face. Ask her to point to her eyes, ears, nose, and mouth, helping as needed. Praise God for making her. Repeat with each baby.

SAY • Jesus is the Son of God, and Jesus was born in Bethlehem as a tiny human baby. Jesus grew, like you are growing! God sent Jesus to earth to be our Savior. THERE IS NO ONE LIKE JESUS.

TODDLER ACTIVITIES

CIRCLE TIME

(Small Bibles, Key Passage Card)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card

and guide toddlers to say it. Open your Bible to Luke 2. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Say the story point and gospel gems. Pray for the toddlers.

BABY JESUS ART

(Jumbo Craft Stick, 1 per child, Bath Tissue Sheet, 1 per child, Tape)

Provide large craft sticks for each toddler. Draw a smiley face with sleeping eyes on each craft stick. Help toddlers wrap bath tissue around the stick to make a swaddled Baby Jesus. Tape the wrap to secure it. Retell the Bible story.

SAY • Jesus was born in Bethlehem as God promised. Jesus is the Son of God. The shepherds praised God because Jesus came into the world to rescue us from sin. THERE IS NO ONE LIKE JESUS!

PLAY WITH BABY

(Baby Dolls)

Provide swaddling blankets and guide toddlers to wrap baby dolls. Talk about how Mary wrapped Jesus in cloth and held Him close. Retell the Bible story as toddlers snuggle the babies.

SAY • Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus was born in Bethlehem to rescue us. THERE IS NO ONE LIKE JESUS!

MOVE AND REST

(Music)

Play upbeat songs and invite toddlers to dance and wiggle. Then play lullabies and relaxing songs. Invite toddlers to sit or lay down. Retell the Bible story.

SAY • Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Jesus is God's Son. As a baby, Jesus played and slept. Jesus is like us in some ways, but THERE IS NO ONE LIKE JESUS.