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## Babies-Toddlers Lesson

# JESUS IS BORN

**Bible Words:** “God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.” John 3:16, GNT  
Jesus Is Born • Luke 2:1-7

**Bottom Line:** God gave us Jesus.

**Basic Truth:** I am loved by God no matter what.

## BIBLE STORY FOR NURSERY

(The Beginner’s Bible Pg. 271-276, “Story Images” Activity Pages)

“Hello, friends. I’m so glad to see you today. Join me on the floor. Today’s true story from the Bible (hold up the Bible) is the true story of Christmas! Merry Christmas, everyone! Our story begins when God sent an angel to tell a girl named Mary that she was going to have a special baby! That special baby would be Jesus, God’s Son!

“Mary and Joseph had to travel a long way to Bethlehem, so Mary rode a donkey. When they got there, they needed a place to stay because Baby Jesus was about to be born! Mary and Joseph stayed in a stable full of animals, and that’s where Baby Jesus was born! Mary wrapped Jesus in cloths and laid Him in a manger full of straw. God loves us so much God gave us His Son, Jesus. [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus.”

## 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

(Monthly Parent Cue - 1 per family first weekend of the month)

Hand parents/influencers the Parent Cue handout (age specific for Babies vs Toddlers) and encourage them to review the activities with their child this week.

## BABIES ACTIVITIES

### BIBLE STORY SONG

Sing Happy Birthday to Jesus.

Happy birthday to you,  
Happy birthday to you,  
Happy birthday dear Jesus  
Happy birthday to you

Words For Baby:

“Baby, God gave us Jesus!”

### UNWRAP THE GIFT

(Colorful Scarfs)

**What You Do:**

- Loosely wrap different items in colorful scarves.
- Encourage children to unwrap each item.
- Talk about how the best gift is Jesus.

**What You Say:**

“Look at these beautiful gifts! Let’s unwrap them and see what’s inside. Wow! You unwrapped a [item] and you unwrapped a [item]. Those are great gifts. But God gave us the very best gift. God gave us Jesus.”

### SHEPHERD CRAWL

(Baby Doll)

**What You Do:**

- Place a baby doll on the floor in an open area of the room.
- Encourage children to be the shepherds and crawl to find the baby.
- Say, “Happy birthday, Jesus.”

**What You Say:**

“There is a special baby over there. Let’s be like the shepherds and go find the baby. Crawl with me to the baby. It’s baby Jesus! Happy birthday, Jesus! (Move the baby to another part of the room and repeat the activity.) God loves us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus.”

## CRAFT TIME

(“Christmas Book” Activity Pages – 1 per kid, Heart Stamp or sticker)

### What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Christmas Book” on cardstock, one per child. Fold each child’s book and write their name on their book.

During the Activity: Encourage children to stamp a heart on each page of their book. Read each page of their book as they stamp it. Clean hands as needed.

### What You Say:

During the Activity: “It’s Christmas, and we celebrate Jesus’ birthday at Christmas. God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus. Hearts make me think of love. Use the heart stamps to decorate your book. Stamp a heart on the front of your book. (Pause.) This page says, ‘The True Story of Christmas.’ Open your book and stamp a heart on the page with the angel. (Pause.) This page says, ‘God sent an angel to tell Mary she was going to have a baby. That baby would be Jesus, God’s Son.’

“On the next page is a picture of Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem. Stamp a heart on that page. (Pause.) This page says, ‘Mary and Joseph traveled a long way to Bethlehem.’ Turn your page. This has a picture of Baby Jesus! Stamp lots of hearts on this page. (Pause.) This page says, ‘Mary and Joseph stayed in a stable, and this is where Baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Jesus in cloths and laid Him in a manger.’ God loves us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus. [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus.”