

December 16, 2018

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Jesus Born in a Stable • *Luke 2:1-7*

Bottom Line: Jesus is God's Son.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

The extended toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the Bible Truth and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. The same Bible Truth will be told in four (or five) different ways throughout the month allowing for the repetition toddlers need and crave.

Bible Time

- Draw It

Craft Time

- Ornament

Play Time

- Dance! Dance!

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Bible Time

What You Need: Preschool Bible, dry erase board, dry erase markers

LEADER: “Today’s Bible Truth is about when Jesus was born. Can you say, ‘Jesus’?”

CHILDREN and LEADER: “Jesus.”

LEADER: “Good job! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is God’s Son!** Jesus was born the very first Christmas in a town called Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph had to go a very long way from their home to Bethlehem. They walked and walked and walked. *(Draw a picture of Mary and Joseph on the road.)*

“Mary and Joseph finally got to Bethlehem and began knocking on doors to find a place to rest. Knock on a pretend door with me like this.”

(Encourage the children to knock with you.)

CHILDREN and LEADER: “Knock, knock, knock.”

LEADER: “Louder!”

CHILDREN and LEADER: “Knock, knock, knock.”

LEADER: “The people said there was no room for Mary and Joseph to stay, but they could sleep in the stable with the animals if they wanted. *(Draw a picture of a basic stable with Mary and Joseph in the middle. Leave room for Jesus.)* There were probably lots of animals in the stable, like sheep. Can you sound like a sheep with me? Baa. And there might have been cows. Can you sound like a cow with me? Moo. *(Draw animals on the edges of the stable.)*

“Even though Jesus is SO special, He was born right there in the stable where animals live. *(Draw Jesus.)* It was the very first Christmas. That is why we’re celebrating Jesus. Christmas is all about Jesus’ birthday. Yay, Jesus! Jesus is special because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is God’s Son. Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God’s Son!**”

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Craft Time

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That’s OK. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

What You Need: Prestrung “Ornament” Activity Page, ink pads, and wet wipes

What You Do:

During the Activity: Retell the Bible truth and assist the children in putting their handprint on the side of the ornament without words.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Today we heard about the very first Christmas when Jesus was born. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is God’s Son!** Jesus was born the very first Christmas in a town called Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph had to go a very long way from their home to Bethlehem. They walked and walked and walked.

“Mary and Joseph finally got to Bethlehem and began knocking on doors to find a place to rest. There was no room for Mary and Joseph to stay, but they were able to sleep in the stable with the animals.

“Even though Jesus is SO special, He was born right there in the stable where animals live. It was the very first Christmas. That is why we’re celebrating Jesus. Christmas is all about Jesus’ birthday. Yay, Jesus!

“Look at your paper. That’s a circle! On one side of the circle, it says, ‘Jesus is God’s Son. Christmas 2018.’ We’re going to put your handprint on the other side. Then you can hang it on your tree and you will always remember why we celebrate Christmas.

“Merry Christmas, and happy birthday, Jesus! Jesus is special because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is God’s Son.**”

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Playtime

Dance! Dance!

What You Need: Preschool Christmas music, music player

What You Do: Dance to Christmas music. Pause the music and have everyone yell, “Happy birthday, Jesus!” Continue as long as there is interest.

What You Say: “Friends, come and dance with me. Let me start the music. Yay! It’s Christmas music. Christmas is when God gave us Jesus. Oh, the music stopped. Let’s yell, ‘Happy birthday, Jesus!’ There’s the music again. Let’s dance. I love celebrating Jesus. Jesus is God’s Son.”



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