

PROPHETS TOLD OF JESUS' BIRTH



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

Include the children in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Instruct the preschoolers to march to group time. Mention that today we will learn about a special baby.

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

PROPHETS TOLD OF JESUS' BIRTH—BASED ON ISAIAH 7:14; 9:6; 11:1-5; MICAH 5:2

- » Lead the preschoolers to pretend to rock a baby with their arms.
- Challenge the preschoolers to listen to hear who the special baby was that the prophets wrote about. Open the Bible to Isaiah 7 as you summarize the Bible story in your own words.

SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- » Long before Jesus was born, God told prophets to tell the people about His plan to send a special baby.
- » The prophet Isaiah wrote that God promised to send a very special child to be born who would be God's Son.
- » Isaiah said the child would be called names like Mighty God and Prince of Peace. The child would grow up and do what is right.
- » The prophet Micah wrote that God's Son would be born in Bethlehem.
- » The words of the prophets are in our Bible today. Those words are about Jesus.

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- » What did God tell the prophets to write about?
- » Where can we read the words the prophets wrote about Jesus?
- » Who is God's Son?

EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- » Tell the children that men wrote that God would send a special baby.

ROOM

YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

DATE OF USE

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God sent Jesus to earth.

LIFE POINT

Men wrote that God would send a special baby.

UNIT VERSE

God will send a child to be born. *Isaiah 7:14*

WEEKLY VERSE

God will send a child to be born. *Isaiah 7:14*

SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow":

God will send a child to be born.

God will send a child to be born.

God will send a child to be born.

His name will be called Jesus.

SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Lead the children to say: "God will send a child to be born. Isaiah 7:14." Instruct them to pretend to rock a baby as they say the verse again.

PRAY

Comment that long before Jesus was born men wrote that God would send a special baby. Lead the children in prayer. Thank God for sending Jesus.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Emphasize: Men wrote that God would send a special baby.

1. **Play a listening game.** Invite the preschoolers to play each of the toy instruments. Mention the name of each instrument. Instruct the boys and girls to turn their backs to you. Tell the children to listen closely. Play one of the instruments. Guide the children to guess which instrument you played. Remark that they are good listeners. Say that men wrote that God would send a special baby. God wanted the people to listen to what the prophets said.
2. **Build a name.** Write the letters *J, E, S, U, S* on index cards. Write one letter on each card. Tape the cards to the blocks. Guide the children to put the blocks in order to spell *Jesus*. Suggest they use the letter blocks to spell their names or other words they know how to spell. Say that men wrote that God would send a special baby. The special baby was God's Son, Jesus.
3. **Discover a hidden name.** Use the white crayon to write *JESUS* on a piece of white paper for each child. Guide the children to put on the painting smocks. Lead the boys and girls to use the watercolor paints to paint over the entire paper. Point out the letters when they appear on the papers. Explain that those letters spell the name Jesus. Say that men wrote that God would send a special baby to earth. Isaiah wrote that the baby would be named Jesus.

4. **Feed babies.** Suggest the preschoolers use the toy food and dishes to pretend to cook a meal. Lead them to take turns pretending to feed the dolls. Ask the boys and girls to think of things parents do to take care of their children such as feed them, bathe them, and carry them. State that men wrote that God would send a special baby. Micah wrote that the baby would be born in Bethlehem. The words they wrote were about Jesus.

CLEAN UP

Set a timer on your smartphone or other device with a timer. Lead the boys and girls to clean up the room before the timer goes off. Set the timer a second time if more time is needed.

RUN A RELAY

Write the letters *J, E, S, U, S* on different pieces of paper. Write one letter on each piece of paper. Tape the pieces of paper in order on the wall. Write the same letters on the sticky notes. Write several sets of the letters. Guide the preschoolers to line up in a single file line. Give each child a sticky note. Guide the first child to hop to the papers on the wall. Instruct the child to stick the sticky note to the paper with the matching letter. Tell the child to march back to the end of the line. Direct the boys and girls to continue hopping to the wall to stick their notes on the matching letters. Comment that God sent Jesus to earth. Many years before Jesus was born, men wrote that God would send a special baby. The special baby was God's Son, Jesus.

DISMISS

Help children gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.

