

UNIT 1
SESSION 4
Bonus
Teaching Hour
for 1s & 2s

JESUS WAS BORN



BIBLE STORY

SNACK

Place snack on the tables.

Pray before eating.

Talk about the Bible story as the children snack.

Lead the children to clean their places and throw away the trash.

TALK ABOUT THE STORY

—Based on Luke 2:1-20

BIBLE STORY FOR 1s

- » Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem.
- » Joseph found a place for Mary to rest.
- » Soon Baby Jesus was born. Mary placed Him in a manger bed.
- » An angel told the shepherds that a special baby was born.
- » The shepherds hurried to see Him. They thanked God for the baby named Jesus.

BIBLE STORY FOR 2s

- » Mary, Joseph, and many other people went to Bethlehem.
- » The places to stay, like an inn, were all full. But Joseph found a place where he and Mary could rest.
- » Soon Baby Jesus was born. Mary gently wrapped Him in soft cloths to keep Him warm.
- » She laid Jesus in a manger. A manger was a feeding box for animals.
- » An angel told the shepherds that a special baby was born. The men hurried to see Him.
- » The shepherds left, telling everyone they saw about the special baby.

ROOM

YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

DATE OF USE

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus was born.

LIFE POINT

Jesus was born, just as God planned.

UNIT VERSE

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

WEEKLY VERSE

Jesus was born in Bethlehem. *Matthew 2:1*



BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

SONG

Sing to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb":

**Jesus was born in Bethlehem,*

Bethlehem, Bethlehem.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

Oh, happy Christmastime.

**Substitute: Shepherds traveled to Bethlehem.*

PUT A DOLL TO BED

Gather: Baby doll, toy bottle, toy baby bed, small blanket

- » Offer the doll to an interested child.
- » Lead the child to wrap the baby in a blanket and give it a bottle.
- » Suggest the child put the doll to bed.
- » Praise the child for taking care of the baby doll.
- » Comment that Mary and Joseph took care of Baby Jesus.

SING WITH JINGLE BELLS

Gather: Music; jingle bells, chenille stems, tape

Do: String a few jingle bells onto a chenille stem. Tie the chenille stem into a circle. Twist the chenille stem closed and cover the ends with tape.

- » Offer the toddlers the jingle bells.
- » Play "Angels' Lullaby," leading the children to ring the bells with the music.
- » Pause the music and say the Weekly Verse several times.
- » Collect the jingle bells at the end of the activity.

PUSH PEOPLE FIGURES INTO A BOX

Gather: Small cardboard box with a lid, marker, people figures, pillow or blankets

Do: Draw a door and windows on the side of the box. Fill the box with pillows or blankets.

- » Place the box and people figures on the floor.
- » Pretend Mary and Joseph are looking for a place to stay in Bethlehem.
- » Open the box and say: "Oh, no! There is no room in the box."
- » Encourage the children try to push the people figures into the box.
- » Tell the Bible story.

WORK PUZZLES

Gather: Puzzles, wrapping paper, tape

Do: Wrap each piece of a puzzle in paper.

- » Offer the puzzle board and the wrapped puzzle pieces to a child.
- » Guide the child to unwrap the pieces.
- » Help him to put the puzzle together.
- » Talk about the Bible story.
- » Tell that Jesus was a special baby sent by God.

ARRANGE BOWS IN A GRID

Gather: Painter's tape, Christmas bows, basket, yardstick

Do: Make a 4-foot by 2-foot grid with eight sections on the floor with painter's tape.

- » Challenge a child to put one color of bows in each rectangle of the grid.
- » Say the Weekly Verse: "Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Matthew 2:1."
- » Suggest the child add another color of bow to each rectangle.
- » Say the Unit Verse: "God will send a child to be born. Isaiah 7:14."
- » Encourage the child to gather all the bows into the basket.
- » Praise the child for following directions.

CLEAN UP

Lead the children to put the toys and books in the correct places.

DISMISS

Place each child's personal items inside his diaper bag. Remind parents to do the activities and review the Bible story this week on the Kids Activity Page.

