

God planned for Jesus
to be born.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God chose a family for Jesus.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 1:26-38

BIBLE VERSE

Mary will have a son, and you will name Him Jesus. Matthew 1:21

SUGGESTED FOR THE WEEK OF
December 7



BIBLE STORY

- » An angel (a messenger from God) told Mary that she would have a special baby.
- » Mary would name the baby Jesus.
- » Then an angel told Joseph in a dream about the special baby Mary would have. The angel said to name the baby Jesus.

BIBLE WORDS 1

angel, Mary, baby

- ◆ Display "Door Poster Unit 1" (Item 8) outside the room door.
- ◆ Display "Sleeping Babies Sign" (Item 32) as needed.



BIBLE PLAY & LEARN

LISTEN TO SOUNDS

Gather: Pack Item 11: "Bible Verses"; Bible, assorted baby rattles, squeeze toys, small blanket

Do: Separate and insert today's Bible Verse in the Bible. Spread the blanket on floor. Arrange the Bible and toys on the blanket.

- Help a baby hold and shake a rattle. Touch the baby's ear and say: "Listen to the sound it makes."
- Encourage the other babies to shake or squeeze the different toys and listen to the different sounds.
- Open the Bible. Say: "God used angels to tell Mary and Joseph about the special baby He was sending."
- Read aloud today's Bible Verse: "Mary will have a son, and you will name Him Jesus. Matthew 1:21."
- Say: "Mary and Joseph listened to what the angels said. God chose a family for Jesus."

CRAWL AND DISCOVER

Gather: Pack Items 18, 20: "Family Pictures," "Book: A Special Baby"; Bible, crawling mat or blanket

Do: Separate the pictures. Spread out the book and pictures on the mat.

- Sit with baby on or near the mat. Invite a crawling baby to crawl with you along the mat to discover the book and pictures.
- Look at the pictures with the baby as she finds them. Talk about the different families. Say something like: "This family has a boy and girl. God plans our families. God planned for Jesus' family, too. God planned for Jesus to be born."
- Hold or sit next to a baby and read aloud *A Special Baby*.

FIND THE PICTURE

Gather: Pack Item 2: "Teaching Pictures 1 & 2"; Bible, soft blocks, clear tape, scissors

Do: Cut apart the teaching pictures. Tape Teaching Picture 1 to the floor. Cover the picture with the blocks.

- Sit with a baby on the floor. Lead the baby to touch and examine the blocks.
- Let the baby stack the blocks and knock them over or line them up on the floor.
- Help a baby uncover and look at the teaching picture.
- Say: "The angel told Mary that she would have a special baby."
- Show the Bible and say: "The Bible helps us know that God planned for Jesus to be born."

PLAY WITH FAMILY FIGURES

Gather: Pack Item 12: "Bible Words 1 & 2"; Bible, toy people figures

Do: Separate today's Bible Words and place them in the Bible. Arrange the people figures on the floor.

- Encourage a baby to look at the people figures. Guide an older baby to find the figures that look like a mom or dad or other family member.
- Comment: "God planned for families. Families can work together, love, and care for each other. The Bible tells us that God planned a family for Jesus, too."
- Turn the pages in the Bible and help a baby find today's Bible Words.
- Say the words as you tell the Bible story.
- Remark: "God planned for Mary and Joseph to love and care for Jesus."