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God planned.

JESUS WAS BORN



BIBLE PLAY & LEARN



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus was born.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Luke 2:1-20

BIBLE VERSE

Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
Matthew 2:1

SUGGESTED FOR THE WEEK OF

December 21



BIBLE STORY

- » Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.
- » Jesus was born there. Mary wrapped Him in cloth and laid Him in a manger.
- » An angel (a messenger from God) told the shepherds to go see the special baby.
- » The shepherds ran to see the special baby.

BIBLE WORDS 3

Bethlehem, manger, shepherds

SET UP MANGER SCENES

Gather: Pack Item 21: "Manger Scene Cutouts"; Bible, clear contact plastic, scissors, cereal box or piece of cardboard, tape

Do: Cut apart the stable scene from the figures. Cover the figures with the clear plastic and cut out. Tape each figure to a separate block. Tape the stable scene to a cereal box or piece of cardboard.

- Invite the babies to hold and look at the cutouts. Point out and name each figure.
- Encourage the babies to help you set up a manger scene on the floor.
- Talk about the Bible story as you arrange the cutouts on the floor.
- Say: "Jesus was born as God planned."

PUT A DOLL IN THE MANGER

Gather: Pack Items 3, 20: "Teaching Pictures 3 & 4," "Book: A Special Baby"; Music; Bible, small box, doll, raffia, blanket

Do: Cut apart the teaching pictures. Put Teaching Picture 3 in the Bible. Place raffia in box. Lay the doll and blanket beside the box.

- » Show a baby how to wrap the doll in the blanket.
- » Guide the babies to take turns placing the doll carefully in the box.
- » Read aloud the book.
- » Display Teaching Picture 3.
- » Say: "Mary wrapped Baby Jesus in soft cloths and laid Him in the manger."
- » Play "Jesus Was Born" and "Let Us Adore Him" as the babies play.

WORK PUZZLES

Gather: Pack Items 11, 22: "Bible Verses"; "Jesus Was Born Puzzle"; Bible, clear contact plastic, scissors, manger scene puzzles

Do: Separate today's Bible Verse and put in the Bible. Cover the puzzle with clear contact plastic. Cut as indicated to make four puzzle pieces. Put the pieces back together.

- Guide a baby to look at the puzzle as you tell the Bible story. Point to each person or item in the picture as you mention them.
- Show a baby how to remove a puzzle piece and then slide it back in place. Encourage the baby to remove other pieces one at a time and replace them.
- Comment: "The Bible tells us about Jesus being born."
- Lead a baby to help turn the Bible pages to the verse strip. Read aloud the verse: "Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Matthew 2:1."

PULL FABRIC STRIPS

Gather: Pack Item 13: "Bible Words 3 & 4"; Bible, small container, strips of soft fabric

Do: Separate today's Bible Words. Put the fabric strips in the container.

- » Invite the children to pull the fabric strips from the container.
- » Comment that Mary wrapped Baby Jesus in strips of cloth and laid Him in the manger.
- » Display the Bible Words. Use the words to tell the Bible story.
- » Pray, thanking God for sending Jesus to be born.