

God's plan cannot
be stopped.

ESCAPE TO EGYPT



BIBLE PLAY & LEARN



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus was born.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Matthew 2:13-23

BIBLE VERSE

God's plan will happen.
Proverbs 19:21

SUGGESTED FOR THE WEEK OF

December 28



BIBLE STORY

- » An angel (a messenger from God) told Joseph to move his family to Egypt.
- » Joseph, Mary, and Baby Jesus went to Egypt to live.
- » Later an angel told Joseph to move his family to Israel. They left at night while it was dark.
- » Joseph and his family moved to Nazareth just as the prophets had told.

BIBLE WORDS 4

angel (messenger), family, move

PACK A BACKPACK

Gather: Pack Item 13: "Bible Words 3 & 4"; Bible, small backpack, baby toys, baby care items (comb, brush, washcloth, small blanket)

Do: Separate today's Bible Words and put in the Bible. Pack the backpack with baby toys and care items. Place the backpack on the floor with the Bible.

- Help a baby open the backpack and look inside. Let the baby play with the toys and other items, or take items out and put them back in the backpack.
- Explain: "When we move or travel, we pack items to take with us."
- Open the Bible. Show today's Bible Words and tell the Bible story.
- Remark: "God planned for Jesus' family to move to a new place. God's plan cannot be stopped."

CRAWL ON PILLOWS

Gather: Pack Item 3: "Teaching Pictures 3 & 4"; Bible, assorted soft pillows of various sizes, baby toys, scissors

Do: Cut apart the teaching pictures. Place Teaching Picture 4 on the floor with the Bible. Arrange pillows over and around each other on the floor. Place a few baby toys by the pillows.

- Lead a baby to crawl on the pile of pillows. Seat a non-crawler on a pillow and let him play with the toys.
- Crouch behind a pillow and play peekaboo with the babies.
- Guide a baby to look at the teaching picture. Say: "An angel told Joseph to move his family to another place to live." Tell the Bible story.
- Say: "People can know that Jesus was a special baby sent by God."

MATCH TRAVEL SHAPES

Gather: Pack Item 31: "Ways to Travel"; Bible, piece cardstock or poster board, shape sorter, tape

Do: Separate the travel pieces. Tape the shadow shapes to the cardstock.

- Look at the full-color travel shapes with a baby. Help the baby choose a shape and place it on the matching shape on the cardstock.
- Talk about different ways we travel as the baby matches shapes. Assist as needed.
- Say: "Jesus' family had to move to a new place to live."
- Tell the Bible story. Explain: "God protected Jesus. He had a special plan for Jesus. God's plan cannot be stopped."
- Comment: "Today, people called missionaries travel to places all over the world to tell people about Jesus. God wants all people to hear about Jesus."

SING AND MOVE

Gather: Pack Item 11: "Bible Verses"; Bible

Do: Separate today's Bible Verse and put in the Bible.

- Sing to the tune of "London Bridge": "I can sit and I can stand. / I can sit. I can stand. / I can sit and I can stand. / I can stand." Hold a baby under his arms and raise him up when you sing the word "stand."
- Repeat with other movements such as, sit and reach up high (hold baby's arms up in the air), smile and frown, and clap and wave.
- Say: "You are growing and learning new things. God had a plan for Jesus, and He has a plan for you. God's plan cannot be stopped."