

Christmas Services



December 21-24, 2018

OVERVIEW CARD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

Key Question:

How do we know God loves us?

Bottom Line:

God gave us Jesus.

Memory Verse:

“God has given a son to us.”
Isaiah 9:6, NCV

Bible Story Focus:

God gave us Jesus because He loves us.
Happy Birthday Jesus!
Luke 2

Coloring Page:

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Music:

Oh What a Special Night
Best Present Ever
Special Delivery

Bible Lesson:

The Beginner's Bible
Retell Entire Christmas Story
Pages 266 to 290

Story:

Happy Birthday Jesus
By Michelle Medlock Adams

Memory Verse –

“GOD HAS GIVEN A SON TO US.”

Isaiah 9:6, NCV

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ACTIVITY 2's/3's ONLY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

Musical Party

Big Idea:

Have children play the musical instruments while they sing and dance to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

What You Need: Happy Birthday, Jesus CD, CD player, Instruments

What You Do:

- Give each child an instrument.
- Encourage the children to play with the instruments and dance while you play fun Christmas music.
- Collect the instruments and ***Bring it Back to Jesus**

What You Say:

After the Activity: "Awesome dancing! It is so much fun celebrating Jesus' birthday as He is the best present ever from God! God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus. **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!**"

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ACTIVITY ALL AGES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

Memory Verse Bounce

Big Idea:

Children will play with the parachute and beach balls while practicing their memory verse.

What You Need: Happy Birthday Jesus Beach Balls, and a Parachute

What You Do:

- *Before the Activity:* Lay out the parachute in an open area of the room.
- Gather the children around the parachute and instruct them to grab hold of it with both hands and carefully lift it.
- Throw the beach balls onto the parachute for the children to bounce as they practice their memory verse.
- At the end sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus.
- Collect the balls and parachute and ***Bring it Back to Jesus**

What You Say:

After the Activity: "It is so much fun celebrating Jesus' birthday as He is the best present ever from God! God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus. **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!**"."

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ACTIVITY 4's/5's ONLY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

Merry, Merry, Christmas (aka Duck, Duck, Goose)

Big Idea:

Children will play a fun game of "Duck, Duck, Goose".

What You Need: Nothing

What You Do:

- Seat all of the children in a circle and explain the rules.
- Have the Leader say the words, MERRY, MERRY, CHRISTMAS with the children several times.
- Explain to the children that we are going to play a game similar to Duck, Duck, Goose, however instead of using those words we are going to say Merry, Merry, Christmas.
- Tell the children when they hear "CHRISTMAS" that will be the signal to chase the person "It"
- Play several rounds
- After the game is over ***Bring it Back to Jesus**

What You Say:

After the Activity: "It is so much fun celebrating Jesus' birthday as He is the best present ever from God! God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus. **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!"**."

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

Happy Birthday, Jesus Party Hats

What You Need: Party Hats, Stickers, "Happy Birthday Jesus" CD and CD player

What You Do:

- Give each child a party hat and stickers
- Show them an example and explain that we are making them to celebrate Jesus' birthday.
- Let the children decorate their party hats with the stickers.
- Be sure to write each child's name on the inside of his/her hat.
- Play the song for the children and allow the children to dance to the song while wearing the party hats.
- Children can wear their hats or put them in their bag
- ***Bring it Back to Jesus**

What You Say:

After the Activity: "Awesome job dancing! **It is so much fun celebrating Jesus' birthday as He is the best present ever from God! God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus. How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!**"

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STORY/PRAYER TIME

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What You Need: Parent Take Home Card, Storybook, Coloring Sheet, Playdoh, Cookie Cutters, Rolling Pins, and Sticker Roll

Read: Have the children sit at the table while you read the book, "Happy Birthday Jesus." The Children can either play with **playdoh** or color the Happy Birthday Jesus **coloring sheet** to keep their hands busy while you read.

Review: Ask the kids some questions and give them a sticker when they answer.

- Go from child to child and have them repeat the memory verse for a sticker.
- Ask the children the Bottom Line question for a sticker.
- Using the Parent Take Home card, ask each child individually the questions pertaining to this week's lesson and give out a sticker.

Pray: Ask the kids to bow their heads and fold their hands while you pray. Here is a sample prayer you can use if you choose:

"Dear God, you gave us the best gift when you gave us Jesus. Thank you for loving us so much that you sent us your son. We love you, Amen."

Memory Verse –

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