

December Week 2



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# OVERVIEW CARD

JESUS IS BORN

**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:** Jesus is born.  
Luke 2:1-7

**Coloring Page:** Jesus is born.

**Music:** Oh What a Special Night  
Best Present Ever  
Special Delivery

**Bible Lesson:** The Beginner’s Bible  
Baby Jesus is Born  
Pages 271 to 276

**Story:** *Christmas in the Manger*  
by Nola Buck

**Memory Verse –**

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# ACTIVITY 1 ALL AGES

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## Stable Walk

### **Big Idea:**

*Have the children complete different movements as they walk to the stable saying the Bottom Line, "God gave us Jesus."*

**What You Need:** "Stable" Activity Page on white cardstock and wall tape

### **What You Do:**

- Tape the "Stable" Activity Page to the wall at children's eye level.
- Gather the children in an open area of the room.
- Point out the stable picture that you taped to the wall.
- Encourage the children to walk to the stable as you say this month's Bottom Line together.
- Once the children have walked to the stable and then back to their starting point, call out other ways to travel as you say the Bottom Line. (*Options of other ways to travel: hop, tiptoe, skip, baby steps, high knees, and march.*)
- Have the kids sit back down and **\*Bring it Back to Jesus**

### **What You Say:**

*"Our Bible lesson today told us that Mary and Joseph had to take a very long trip. While they were on their trip something AMAZING happened, Jesus was born! Mary and Joseph stayed in a stable with the animals where Jesus was born. God loves us so very much that He gave us Jesus! **How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!**"*

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# ACTIVITY 2

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### Hop to It

#### **Big Idea:**

*Children will hop from hoop to hoop while practicing their memory verse.*

**What You Need:** 4 Hula-hoops

#### **What You Do:**

- Line the Hula-hoops up in a row.
- Encourage the children to hop from one hoop to the other while saying part of the Memory Verse each time they hop in a hoop.

Hoop 1: "God"  
Hoop 2: "has given"  
Hoop 3: "a son"  
Hoop 4: "to us."

- Have the kids sit back down and **\*Bring it Back to Jesus**

#### **What You Say:**

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# ACTIVITY 3

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#### Find and Fill Nativity Set

##### **Big Idea:**

*Children will play a game of hide and seek with the Nativity set characters.*

**What You Need:** Nativity Set (there are 14 total characters)

##### **What You Do:**

- Hide the Nativity set characters around the room.
- **2/3 YEAR OLDS:** Have the kids find the characters and bring them back to you to put back in the nativity set.
- **4/5 YEAR OLDS:** Read a clue to the children one at a time. Once the children know who the character is, go on a search around the room until you find it. When it's found add the character to the Manger Scene until everyone has been found. **Clues:**
  - I visited Mary to tell her she was going to have a baby...who am I?
  - An Angel told me I would have a special baby who would be the savior of the world... who am I?
  - I am a carpenter and husband to Mary... who am I?
  - Mary rode on my back to get to Bethlehem and I say hee-haw...who am I?
  - I am God's son and was born in a manger...who am I?
  - I am the place baby Jesus was born...what am I?
  - I say Baa...who am I?
  - I take care of sheep and angels told me Jesus was born...who am I?
  - We brought presents to baby Jesus...who are we?

##### **What You Say:**

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# WEEK 2 CRAFT



## Jesus is the Reason Ornaments

**What You Need:** Jesus is the Reason ornament craft kit, markers

### **What You Do:**

- Pass out a craft kit to each child and help them open it (or have it opened ahead of time.)
- Show the children the example so they know where to put the stickers.
- Remind the kids that this ornament helps us remember that Jesus was born which is why we celebrate Christmas!
- Go around and tie the ribbon in the top hole as they work on their craft.
- Put their name on the back of the cross.
- Put the craft in their bag and **\*Bring it Back to Jesus**

### **What You Say:**

**After the Activity:** "Nice work! Hang this ornament on your tree to remember why we celebrate Christmas. **"Our Bible lesson today told us that Mary and Joseph had to take a very long trip. While they were on their trip something AMAZING happened, Jesus was born! Mary and Joseph stayed in a stable with the animals where Jesus was born. God loves us so very 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, “Christmas in a Manger”, Playdoh, Cookie Cutters, Rolling Pins, and Sticker Roll

**Read:** Have the children sit at the table while you read the book, “Christmas in a Manger.” The Children can either play with **playdoh** or color the Jesus is Born **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.”*

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