

December Week 2

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CRAFT WEEK 2

Paper Nativity

SUPPLIES: Paper Nativity cutout, nativity label, brown paper strips, crayons, tape

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Give each child the paper nativity cutout and crayons.**

- *"Friends, come join me at the table, I've got a craft for us to make today to remind us of our true Bible story. On your page you can see Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus! Color them and then we'll put the nativity together."*

⇒ **Give each child a paper strip and a nativity label. Tape the picture to the paper strip and bring the ends of the strip together. Add the label to the nativity.**

- *"Fold the bottom of your picture back on the line. Tape your picture to this middle section of your paper strip. (Help as needed.) Now let's attach the ends. (Slide the notched ends together.) Look at your beautiful picture of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus! Add this label to the side of your nativity."*

⇒ **Review the story and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"Today, our Bible Story begins when an angel told a young girl named Mary that she was going to have a baby. This baby would be named Jesus, and He would be God's Son! Not long after the angel visited Mary, Mary and Joseph had to travel a long way to the town of Bethlehem. When they got to Bethlehem, they needed to find a place to stay. The only place they could find was place where animals sleep. While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, it was time for baby Jesus to be born. After Jesus was born, Mary wrapped Him in strips of cloth and placed Him in a manger. Now you know the true story of Christmas and why Jesus is special!
You can tell everyone that God loves us so much that God gave us Jesus!"*
- ***"Why is Jesus Special?"***
- ***"Jesus is God's Son!"***



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ACTIVITY #1

Nativity Play

SUPPLIES: Nativity Play Set

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children around you on the floor or at a table.**

(This activity works best in a smaller group)

- *"Friends! Look at what I have here! It's a stable! And look at all these people and animals! I am going to give everybody one person or animal and we are going to tell the story together!"*

⇒ **Give each child one piece** (or two depending on how many kids are in group).
As you talk about the story, add the characters to the nativity.

- *"Before Mary had baby Jesus, an angel told her that Jesus was going to be born. Who has the angel?"*
- *When it was time for the baby to be born, Mary and Joseph had to take a long trip all the way to Bethlehem! Who has Mary? What about Joseph?"*
- *Do you remember what they rode? A donkey! Who has a donkey? Everybody say hee-haw!"*
- *Then, God's son was born! Baby Jesus! Who has baby Jesus?"*
- *When baby Jesus was born there were animals there. Who has an animal? What does your animal say?"*
- *There were shepherds who took care of the sheep! Does anyone have a shepherd? An angel told the shepherds about baby Jesus and they ran to see him!"*
- *Baby Jesus had other visitors, too! Three kings came to worship him! Who has the wise men?"*

⇒ **Repeat activity as long as kids are interested and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"Boys and Girls, this is an amazing story, isn't it? God had such a perfect plan when he brought Jesus into the world. God loves us so much that he gave us Jesus. Jesus is so special. Jesus is God's son!"*
- **Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's Son!**



please keep the
Nativity set
all month.

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ACTIVITY #2

Look and Find Bows

SUPPLIES: Gift Bows in box

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *"In our Bible story today, we learned about a very special baby who was going to be born! Jesus was the most special present ever because Jesus is God's Son!"*
- *Look at all these bows I have! Where do we put bows? Right! On presents! These bows will help us remember that Jesus was the best present ever."*

⇒ **Scatter the bows around the room.**

- *"Let's find the bows and see if we can find them all! Bring them back to me!"*

⇒ **Have children collect all the bows.**

- *"Great work, everybody! You found all the bows."*
- ***Why is Jesus Special?***
- ***Jesus is God's Son!"***

⇒ **Let the children play as long as they are interested.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"God gave the most special present in His Son Jesus!"*
- ***Why is Jesus Special? Jesus is God's Son!***

Don't forget to
hang on to these
gift boxes and bows
for all of December.



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READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY December Week 2

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY – **Keep all month**

- *Christmas in the Manger* by Nola Buck & Felicia Bond

ASK A QUESTION

Why is Jesus special?

Jesus is God's Son!

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.