

**December Week 2**

**3-K**

**Show & Tell**

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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 (14 pieces)

### 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!***



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# **ACTIVITY #3**

## *Memory Verse*

**SUPPLIES:** Award Stickers

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
  - *"Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!"*
- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
  - *"First, let's say it once together."*
  - *'God has given a Son to us.' Isaiah 9:6*
    - *Now let's try it...*
      - *Super loud*
      - *Super quiet*
      - *Really fast*
      - *Really Slow*
      - *Jumping up and down*
      - *Running in Place*
      - *All the boys*
      - *All the girls*
      - *Kids only*
      - *Teachers only*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *"Nice work, my friends! God loved us so much that He gave His son! Jesus is so special!"*
  - ***Why is Jesus Special? Jesus is God's Son!***

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## READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY December Week 2

### PASS OUT MOON SAND

#### READ

- *J Is For Jesus* by Crystal Bowman

#### REVIEW (You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
  - ***Why is Jesus Special?***
  - ***Jesus is God's Son!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
  - **"God has given a Son to us." Isaiah 9:6**

### CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "At Christmas we celebrate Jesus' birthday, so today I want us to make a list of all our birthdays. When I call your name, tell me **your birthday**.
  - *Write each child's name on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Let's use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
  - *"Dear God, thank You that (say each child's name) was born and that we can celebrate each of them on their birthday. Thank You that Jesus was born. Help us remember that Christmas is all about celebrating Jesus' birthday. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."*