

Jesus is Born

Date Expected: _____ / _____ / _____

Welcome: Begin by welcoming students by name. Talk and take a little time to get to know the kids and ask about their week. You can do a gathering activity if conversation is slow. There are some ideas in your binder. This is when you'll probably take attendance.

The Main Idea: Jesus came to Save Us

The Story: Read the story below or read it directly from your Bible in Luke 2. There are also a variety of children's Bibles available as well. I encourage you to invite students to read aloud but please don't go around the circle or ask everyone to read as some kids don't enjoy that experience.

God didn't give up on people. He always loves us, even when we make mistakes. God made a perfect plan to be sure that people could be close to God again. Joseph had to go to Bethlehem for a census. Mary went with him and while they were there, it was time for the baby in Mary's tummy to be born. Joseph looked for a place for them to stay but every room was filled up so Mary and Joseph had to stay in a place where animals lived. That is where baby Jesus was born. God sent His very own Son from Heaven to earth to save people from their sin. God's Son is named Jesus, and He came to earth as a tiny baby who was born in a place where animals live. He is a perfect King who helps people and loves them. Even though He was only a tiny child, He was God's Son and He came to save people from their sins and death. Mary wrapped the new baby up in some blankets and they named Him Jesus. He was called "Emmanuel" which means "God With Us" and that is true. Jesus was born and God is right here with us.

The Activity: Nativity Craft- Pictures on following pages.

1. Give every child a sheet of black construction paper and one of the paper strips with the Bible verse and Jesus on it. Tell them to color the Bible verse and Baby Jesus.
2. Kids will use safety scissors to cut the two parts of the paper strip out and use school glue to put the Bible verse on the bottom of the black paper.'
3. Kids will glue craft sticks on their black paper in an X shape to make the manger and then they'll glue Jesus in the manger.
4. Kids will glue craft sticks to make a roof for the stable above Jesus but remind them to leave room at the top for a star sticker.
5. Add the one-inch star sticker.
6. If time remains, give the students some yellow construction paper and encourage them to rip tiny strips of construction paper that can be glued onto the manger for straw.

The Discussion:

How do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they found out they had to travel while they were waiting for baby Jesus to be born?

God had a plan for Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus. Have you ever been part of God's plan when it didn't feel very easy?

How do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they were told there was no room for them to stay in? How would you have felt if you found out there wasn't a place for you to sleep after a long trip?

Do you think the people in Bethlehem might have made a room for Mary and Joseph if they'd understood that they baby is God's Son?

How can we make room in our lives for Jesus at Christmas time?

When you hear that Emmanuel or Immanuel means God with us, what does that mean to you? How is the Lord with you?

Why is it special that Jesus came to us as a baby?

Our theme this year is Together. How does this story remind us that we are never alone?

Prayer: Please be sure to spend time in prayer with your class. Ask if they have praise or prayer concerns. Talk to God about what is going on in their lives. Ask God to help them to remember and apply what they are learning and to help them remember that He is with them, always. Thank God for the gift of Jesus. Thank God for always having a good plan. Thank God for Emmanuel and knowing that we need God with us.

Other Resources:

- Celebrate Worship Song for Kids: <https://youtu.be/hgrcscaz6rl>
- Born is the King Worship Song: <https://youtu.be/Qf6OoAZbAQg>
- Oh, What a Glorious Night Song: <https://youtu.be/6aGLV5CfoTU>
- Celebrate Worship Song for Kids: <https://youtu.be/hgrcscaz6rl>
- Born is the King Worship Song: <https://youtu.be/Qf6OoAZbAQg>
- No Room at the Inn with puppets: <https://youtu.be/dzAEpd1DeRM>
- Make Room for Jesus- kids tell Christmas story: <https://youtu.be/SkmZKkevFQk>



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