

2 Year-Olds

December 2020

## STEP 1 (December 13)

### *Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft*

#### **WORSHIP and BIBLE LESSON**

⇒ Play this week's worship and Ollie Bible lesson video.

#### **CRAFT**

Tip: For the tiniest fingers, sometimes it helps to peel the outline of the stickers off the backing page so that they can peel the stickers off more easily on their own!

⇒ **Hold up completed sticker scene example page.**

- *"Today we heard the next part of our true story from the Bible about when baby Jesus was born. Today we are going to put together a beautiful sticker scene that tells each part of the story."*

⇒ **Pass out sticker scene kits**

- *"Let's put our sticker scenes together! Can you find the stable?"*

(Draw their attention to each part of the story and assemble the sticker scene together. Continue the conversation as they are putting the craft together and engage them in talking about each element)

⇒ **While children are working, open The Beginner's Bible and read *Baby Jesus is Born*, p. 271 OR one of the December storybooks.**

⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *"This is beautiful! Can you imagine how special it would have been to be there that night when baby Jesus was born? God gave us the most special present ever. He sent his son Jesus for me and for you!"*
- **Why is Jesus special?**
- **Jesus is God's son!"**

**SUPPLIES:** Nativity Sticker Scene

**DEC 2020 Books:** *Christmas in the Manger, J is for Jesus, Happy Birthday, Jesus!*

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# **STEP 1** (Christmas Eve Services)

## *Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft*

### **WORSHIP and BIBLE LESSON**

⇒ Play this week's worship and Ollie Bible lesson video.

### **CRAFT WEEK 3**

- ⇒ **Give each child a party hat and stickers. Show them the example and explain that we are making them to celebrate Jesus' birthday.**
  - *"We are having a birthday party today to celebrate Jesus' birthday! Today you get to make your own special party hat and decorate it!"*
  
- ⇒ **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.**
  
- ⇒ **While children are working, open The Beginner's Bible and read *Shepherds Visit, p. 277* OR *one of the December storybooks*.**
  
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *"Your hats look awesome! I think it's time to have a party! If you want, you can wear your hats for the rest of class as we celebrate Jesus' Birthday! God sent Jesus to us at Christmas because he loves us so much!*
  - ***Why is Jesus special?***
  - ***Jesus is God's son!"***
  
- ⇒ Tip: A piece of tape may be helpful to secure the hat in place.

**Children can wear their hats for the rest of the "party" or put them in their bag.**

**SUPPLIES:** Party Hats, stickers (approx. 10 per child), scotch tape

**DEC 2020 Books:** *Christmas in the Manger, J is for Jesus, Happy Birthday, Jesus!*

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## STEP 2

### Activities

**SUPPLIES:** *Nativity play set*

**CLEANING NOTE:** *When you are done, please place all the pieces back in the bin they were stored in. Spray them down, put the lid on, and give them a shake. When the next service opens them, please wipe them down with paper towels to dry.*

### ACTIVITY OPTION #1 NATIVITY PLAY

- ⇒ **Spread children out around the floor space or at the 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.**
  - *“I loved our true Bible story today! 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?*
  - *Next week we are going to talk about the shepherds who took care of the sheep! Does anyone have a shepherd?*
  - *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! He gave us Jesus! Jesus is so special!*
  - **Why is Jesus special?**
  - **Jesus is God’s son!**

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## *Activities*

**SUPPLIES:** Gift Bows

### **ACTIVITY OPTION #2 BOW LOOK AND FIND**

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

- *“In our Bible story today, we found out a very special baby who was going to be born! That baby was the most special present God ever gave us!*
- *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! Let’s see if we can find them all! Bring them back to me!”*

⇒ **Have children collect all the bows. You can also have them sort the bows by color.**

- *“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 us Jesus and he was Jesus was the best present ever! Jesus is God’s son!*
- ***Why is Jesus special?***
- ***Jesus is God’s son!”***

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## **STEP 3**

### *Read-Ask-Practice-Pray*

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**

- ⇒ *Christmas in the Manger*
- ⇒ *J is for Jesus*
- ⇒ *Happy Birthday, Jesus!*

#### **ASK A QUESTION**

Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's son!

#### **PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE**

"God loved the world so much He gave His only son." John 3:16

#### **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.