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STEP 1 (December 5th)

Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft

SUPPLIES: Christmas Angel scratch ornament, craft sticks, ribbons

NOTE: It might be helpful to attach the ribbons to the ornaments ahead of time!

DEC 2021 Books: *Christmas Angels, Christmas in the Manger, J is for Jesus, Happy Birthday, Jesus!*

WORSHIP and BIBLE LESSON

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

CRAFT WEEK 1

⇒ **Give each child an angel ornament and craft stick.**

- *"Today in our true Bible study we learned that an angel named Gabriel visited Mary to tell her that she was going to have a baby. That baby was a special gift from God – Jesus! Jesus is so special because he is God's son!*
- *I have a beautiful angel ornament here for you to decorate. All you have to do is scratch with this craft stick and a beautiful design will be revealed!*

⇒ **While children are working, open The Beginner's Bible and read *An Angel Visits Mary, p. 267* OR one of the December storybooks.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"These are beautiful! When you get home, you can hang them on your Christmas tree as a reminder that God sent an angel to tell Mary that baby Jesus would be born. God sent Jesus to us at Christmas because he loves us so much! Jesus is so special!*
- **How do we know God loves us?**
- **God gave us Jesus!"**

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STEP 1 (December 12th)

Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft

SUPPLIES: Nativity Sticker Scene

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!

WORSHIP and BIBLE LESSON

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

CRAFT WEEK 2

⇒ **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!"*
- ***How do we know God loves us?***
- ***God gave us Jesus!***

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STEP 1 (Christmas Services) *Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft*

SUPPLIES: Party Hats, Stickers

NOTE: You may want to add a piece of tape to help the hats stay together!

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.**

⇒ **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!"*
- **How do we know God loves us?**
- **God gave us Jesus!**

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

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STEP 2 *Activities*

SUPPLIES: Gift Bows

ACTIVITY OPTION #1 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.**

- *“Great work, everybody! You found all the bows.*
- ***How do we know God loves us?***
- ***God gave us Jesus!***

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

(bows can also be used in a parachute for another option.)

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“God gave us Jesus and he was Jesus was the best present ever!
Jesus is God’s son!*
- ***How do we know God loves us?***
- ***God gave us Jesus!”***

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STEP 2 *Activities*

SUPPLIES: CD Player, Christmas CD, crepe paper

ACTIVITY OPTION #2 BIRTHDAY DANCE PARTY

- ⇒ **Give each child a strip of crepe paper to use as a streamer.**
 - *“Friends! We are celebrating Jesus’ birthday all month long! God sent Jesus because he loves us so much. That makes me want to party! Give your streamers a wave and let’s dance!”*

- ⇒ **3s: Turn on music and have a dance party!**

- ⇒ **4s/5s: Play Freeze Dance**
 - *“When I turn the music on, I want you to dance and make music! But listen carefully...when the music stops you need to freeze!”*

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Awesome dancing! It is so much fun celebrating Jesus. He*
 - *is the best present ever from God! God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus. Jesus is God’s son.*
 - ***How do we know God loves us?***
 - ***God gave us Jesus! “***

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ACTIVITY #3

Nativity Play

SUPPLIES: Nativity Play Set

ACTIVITY OPTION #3 NATIVITY PLAY

- ⇒ **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?*
 - *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 God’s son!*
 - **How do we know God loves us?**
 - **God gave us Jesus!”**

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

ASK A QUESTION

How do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"God has given a son to us." Isaiah 9:6

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.