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Jesus Is Born!

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Theme: God sent His Son as a baby to save the world

Nursery (Ages 0-2)

Free curriculum for small and rural churches

Lesson Overview

"Jesus Is Born!" , God's Big Love "God loves you so much! He sent His baby, Jesus, to be with you. God's love is always here, just like a warm hug!" (Encourage gentle singing or clapping to reinforce the message!) Optional reflection: children can draw a picture of Jesus helping their friends, then share one way they can help someone else this week. This extra activity supports the lesson's theme and gives teachers a simple, lowprep option for extending the discussion.

Bible Story

"Baby Jesus Is Born!"

God had a big plan for love. Long ago, Mary and Joseph traveled to a special place called Bethlehem. There, in a low cave, God gave us a baby boy named Jesus, God with us!

When Mary held Jesus, she said, "This is God's love for you!" Tiny baby Jesus lay wrapped in soft blankets and laid in a soft hay. Even though they didn't have a bed, God made sure He was safe and loved.

Angels sang, "Glad news for all!" The shepherds heard them and ran to see the baby. They saw God's love right in front of them. "Peace on earth!" they cried.

God loves you, just like He loved Jesus. That's why we can trust Him every day.

Why this matters: God always keeps His promises, and He wants you to know He loves you too, even when you're small!

Key Verse

Luke 2:11 , 'Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.'

"God loves you so much! God sent His little baby boy to be your friend. He came to make you happy and love you always!" (Say it slowly: "God loves you... God sent Jesus... God makes you happy!")

Activities

Activity 1:

Toddlers create bright paper stars to show God's love for them like Jesus showed love to all.

1. Sit in a circle and read Luke 2:10, 11 in the Bible: "An angel said, 'Don't be afraid! I bring good news, Jesus is born! God loves YOU!'"
2. Give each child a yellow paper strip and say, "God made stars to shine like His love!"
3. Let them fold strips into stars, glue them on paper, and color them with crayons. Say, "God loves you so much!" while they decorate.

Activity 2:

Toddlers wrap paper "blankets" to give to Jesus, showing how we love Him and others with kindness.

1. Read Luke 2:10, 12: "The shepherds said, 'Let's wrap gifts for baby Jesus, God loves us!'"
2. Hand each child a paper bag and say, "God gave us baby Jesus to love us!"
3. Let them crumple blue/green tissue paper, wrap it in the bag, and seal it. Write "Jesus loves YOU!" on it with a marker. Say, "God wants us to love others too!"

Discussion Questions

- "Look at this baby!"
- What do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they held Jesus? What makes God love you like He loves baby Jesus?"
- "When Jesus was born, angels sang, 'Peace on Earth!'"
- How can we make our homes feel like that? What can you do to show God you love Him too?"
- "Babies grow and get big. What do you think baby Jesus grew into?"
- Who is your favorite grown-up in God's family? How can you be like Jesus when you grow up?"
- "Even when people don't understand, Jesus was born to be with us."
- What's something new or scary happening in your life? How can God be with you, just like He was with baby Jesus?"

Prayer Focus

"Dear God, thank You for making baby Jesus, so small and so loved! You are so kind and always with us, like a big hug. Jesus is born today, full of Your love. Amen." (Alternative, if you'd like more repetition:) "God, You love Jesus so much! Jesus is born, just like You said! Thank You for loving us always. Amen."

-> To the Cross

Jesus was born in a stable, laid in a feeding trough. The Creator of the universe came as a helpless baby. Why? So He could grow up and go to the cross to save us. The manger and the cross are connected , He was born to die for us.