



**MONTHLY
BIBLE STORY**

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

LUKE 1:26-33, 38; 2:1-20

BIBLE WORDS

"God has given a son to us."

ISAIAH 9:6, NCV

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is God's Son.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

STORY TIME

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible, "Story Pictures" Activity Pages, and cardstock

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is the true story of Christmas! Our story begins when God sent an angel to tell Mary (*hold up the picture of angel and Mary*) she was going to have a baby—God's Son, Jesus!

"After that, Mary and Joseph traveled a long way to the town of Bethlehem. (*Hold up the picture of Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem.*) When they got there, they needed a place to stay. The only place they could find was a place where animals came in to sleep. (*Hold up the picture of Mary and Joseph in the place with animals.*) Then, the most special thing happened—baby Jesus was born! Mary wrapped Jesus in strips of cloth and laid Him in a manger. (*Hold up the picture of baby Jesus in the manger with Mary and Joseph and the animals.*) That night, God sent an angel to tell the shepherds who were in the field taking care of their sheep that Jesus is born. (*Hold up the picture of the angel with the shepherds.*) Then suddenly . . . the whole sky filled with angels praising God and singing, 'Glory to God in the highest!' (*Hold up the picture of the shepherds and the sky of angels.*) The shepherds ran to see baby Jesus, and after they saw Him, they ran tell everyone about Jesus! God loves us so much that God gave us His Son—Jesus! Jesus is special because **Jesus is God's Son.**"