



**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 Time" Activity Page, cardstock, craft sticks, masking tape, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO: Copy "Story Time" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group. Tape each figure to the top of a craft stick.

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! Merry Christmas, everyone! We celebrate Christmas to celebrate the birthday of Someone very special . . . Jesus! Everyone, shout: 'Happy Birthday, Jesus!' (*With children.*)

"God sent an angel (*hold up the angel puppet above Mary*) to tell Mary she was going to have a baby—God's Son, Jesus! After that, Mary and Joseph (*walk the Mary and Joseph puppet around*) traveled a long way to the town of 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. Can you 'baa' like a sheep? (*Pause.*) Can you 'moo' like a cow? (*Pause.*) Can you 'neigh' like a horse? (*Pause.*) Great job!

"Then, the most special thing happened—baby Jesus was born! (*Hold up the baby Jesus puppet.*) Mary wrapped Jesus in strips of cloth and laid Him in a manger. That night, God sent an angel (*hold up the angel puppet above the shepherds*) to tell the shepherds who were in the field taking care of their sheep, that Jesus is born. Then suddenly . . . the whole sky filled with angels (*hold up the angels puppet*) praising God and singing, 'Glory to God in the highest.' The shepherds ran (*run the shepherd puppets to baby Jesus*) to see baby Jesus. After they saw Him, they ran to tell everyone about Jesus! God loves us so much that God gave us His Son, Jesus! And we celebrate Christmas to show everyone that Jesus is special. **Jesus is God's Son."**