



**MONTHLY  
BIBLE STORY**

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

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

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**BIBLE WORDS**

"God has given a son to us."

**ISAIAH 9:6, NCV**

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**BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus is God's Son.

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**BASIC TRUTH**

God loves me.

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**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

**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 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. When they got there, they needed a place to stay. The only place they could find was a place where animals like sheep and cows and chickens would sleep. Then, the most special thing happened—baby Jesus was born! Mary wrapped Jesus in strips of cloth and laid Him in a manger.

"That night, God sent an angel 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 praising God and singing, 'Glory to God in the highest!' The shepherds ran to see baby Jesus, and 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.**"



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**CRAFT TIME**

*Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.*

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Christmas Table Topper" Activity Page, cardstock, dot markers, glue sticks, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Christmas Table Topper" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to decorate their paper. Clean hands as needed. Fold as indicated and assemble by gluing the tab to the other end of the paper.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Today we learned about the true story of Christmas—when Jesus was born! On your paper is a picture of Mary and Joseph standing next to baby Jesus in the manger. Use the markers to color your picture. *(Pause.)* Super-duper! Let's fold your paper to make a table topper. *(Fold and glue each child's paper.)* God loves us so much that God gave us His Son, Jesus! We celebrate Christmas to show everyone that Jesus is special because **Jesus is God's Son.**"