

Craft Time

What You Need

- "Best Gift Headband" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Dotmarkers
- Self-inking stamps
- Sentence strips
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Clear tape
- Baby wipes
- Permanent marker

① What You Do

1. Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time.
2. 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.

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Best Gift Headband" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child.
2. Glue the cutout to the middle of each child's sentence strip and write their name.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to decorate their picture and headband with markers and stamps.
2. Clean hands as needed.
3. Measure each child's headband around their head and staple the ends together with the bend closure facing out.
4. Place a piece of tape over the staple closure.
5. Encourage children to wear their headbands home.

② What You Say

During the Activity

"Today in our story, we learned that God gave us a very special gift, **[Bottom Line]** God gave us Jesus! Jesus is the best gift! We are going to make a headband to wear home to celebrate Jesus. Use the markers and stamps to decorate your headband. **(Pause.)** Fantastic! Now I'm going to measure it around your head and fasten the ends. **(Measure around their head, staple, and add a piece of tape over the staple closure.)** Put your headbands on and let's sing Happy Birthday to Jesus! **(Sing together with children.)** Yay! Happy Birthday, Jesus! Jesus is the best gift ever! God loves us so much that **[Bottom Line]** God gave us Jesus."