

Story Time

What You Need

- Preschool Bible
- Butcher paper
- Washable markers

① What You Do

1. 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!

② What You Say

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*) begins with Mary and Joseph (*draw a simple stick figure of pregnant Mary and Joseph*) and the true story of Christmas. Mary and Joseph traveled a long, long way to the town of Bethlehem. (*Draw a long path.*)

"Mary was about to have a baby so she may have ridden a donkey. (*Draw simple stick figure pregnant Mary on a donkey and Joseph near.*) Once Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, they stayed in a place that had a manger. (*Draw a simple manger.*) A manger is something animals eat out of. So there might have been some animals there too! (*Draw a simple cow, sheep, and horse.*) This is where Jesus, God's Son, was born! Mary wrapped Jesus up and laid Him in a manger. (*Draw a simple shape baby Jesus in the manger.*) Jesus is the best gift ever! (*Draw a square around baby Jesus in the manger with a bow on top.*) God loves us so much that [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus. Happy Birthday, Jesus!"