



DECEMBER 2023
TODDLERS
WEEK FOUR

BIBLE WORDS

"God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son."

JOHN 3:16, GNT

Jesus Is Born

LUKE 2:1-7

BOTTOM LINE

God gave us Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos.

The toddler curriculum is designed to be used in conjunction with the monthly crawler curriculum. Feel free to use both in your classrooms.

STORY TIME:

- Act It

CRAFT TIME:

- Happy Birthday Headband



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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 and Little People® Nativity

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you! I need your help telling our Bible story today. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is the story of Christmas. Merry Christmas, everyone! Our story begins when God sent an angel (*move angel around in the air*) to tell a girl named Mary, (*move Mary to the side and put the angel facing Mary*) that she would have a special baby. That special baby would be Jesus, God's Son!

"Mary and Joseph had to travel a long way to Bethlehem, so Mary rode a donkey. (*Walk Joseph and Mary on a donkey in front of you to the stable.*) When they got there, they needed to find a place to stay because Baby Jesus was about to be born! Mary and Joseph stayed in a stable full of animals (*bring out all the animals*), and that is where Baby Jesus was born. (*Put Jesus in the manger between Mary and Joseph.*) Mary wrapped Jesus in cloths and laid Him in a manger full of straw. God loves us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus. **God gave us Jesus."**



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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: "Happy Birthday Headband Label" Activity Page, Avery® #5163 labels or equivalent, sentence strips, dot markers, self-inking stamps, scissors, stapler, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Happy Birthday Headband Label" on label paper, one label per child. Write each child's name on their sentence strip.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to decorate their headband with markers and stamps. Clean hands as needed. Measure strip around child's head and staple with the bend closure facing out. Help children place their label over the staple. Encourage children to wear their headbands.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, let's make a special headband to wear. Decorate your paper strip with these markers and stamps. (Pause.) These are fantastic! (Measure strip around child's head and staple shut with staple bends facing out.) Help me put your label right here to cover the staples. It says, 'Happy Birthday, Jesus!' Put on your headbands. God loves us so much that God gave us His Son, Jesus. **God gave us Jesus.**"