



DECEMBER 2023
TODDLERS
WEEK FIVE

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:

- Game It

CRAFT TIME:

- God Loves Me Door Hanger



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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 opaque bag with Little People® angel, Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, manger, and animal figures inside

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you! I need your help telling our Bible story. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is the story of Christmas! Will you help me tell our story with the things in this bag? Our story begins when God sent an angel. (*Reach in and pull out an item.*) Is this an angel? (*Continue to pull items out until the angel is pulled out.*) There it is! The angel told Mary . . . where's Mary? (*Reach in and pull an item out of the bag unless Mary is already out.*) Here she is! (*Move Mary and the angel near each other.*) Mary was going to have a special baby! That special baby would be Jesus, God's Son!

"Mary and Joseph (*pull out Joseph*) had to travel a long way to the town of Bethlehem. Mary rode a donkey (*reach in the bag and pull an item out until you pull out the donkey.*) There it is! What sound does a donkey make? (*Pause.*) He-haw! When they got to Bethlehem, 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. (*Dump out any remaining items in the bag.*) Will you help me bring all the animals together around Mary and Joseph? (*Pause.*) That night, Baby Jesus was born! Mary wrapped Jesus in cloths and laid Him in a manger full of straw. (*Put Baby Jesus in the manger in the middle of Mary, Joseph, and the animals.*) 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: "God Loves Me Door Hanger" Activity Page, cardstock, dot markers, scissors, baby wipes, and permanent marker; *Optional self-inking heart stamps in place of dot markers*

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "God Loves Me Door Hanger" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to fill in the heart with the dot markers. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "[Child's name], God loves you so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus. **God gave us Jesus.** Use the markers to fill in the heart on your door hanger. (Pause.) We celebrate Christmas because **God gave us Jesus.**"