



## Jesus Is Born in Bethlehem

This story is based on Luke 2:1-7.

Clip, clop. The donkey was very tired. Mary and Joseph were tired too. They were traveling to the little town of Bethlehem.

Suddenly Joseph said, “Look, Mary. I can see Bethlehem.” Joseph walked faster. He wanted to find a room where Mary could rest. Soon she would have baby Jesus.

Joseph led the donkey to an inn. The inn was a place where people could stay. Thump. Thump. He knocked on the door. But the man

at the inn said, “I have no more rooms.”

Then the man told Mary and Joseph they could stay in the stable where the animals lived. Joseph found a box that held food for the animals. He filled it with hay to make a bed for the baby.

Soon baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Him in cloths and rocked Him to sleep. Joseph and Mary felt so happy. They wanted to take good care of God’s Son, the Savior.

## Family Time



Spend time one-on-one with your preschooler or include your entire family in these activities that help you revisit the Bible lesson for this week.

### Little Chefs

Make edible manger muchies to celebrate that Jesus was born. Microwave 1 cup of butterscotch chips and ½ cup milk chocolate chips for 60 seconds on medium heat. Stir. Heat for an additional 15 seconds if needed. Stir in a package of chow mein noodles. Drop spoonfuls of the mixture on wax paper to make mangers. Allow to cool before eating.

### Play Time

Use dress-up clothes, a baby doll, a small box, and strips of cloth to act out the story. Wrap the baby doll in strips of cloth and put the baby in the small box. Emphasize that Mary and Joseph were happy when Jesus was born. They took good care of Him.

### Helping Hands

Christmas can be a lonely time for many people, especially those with family far away. Let your child spread the news that Jesus is born by creating a picture to give or help bake cookies for someone.

## Bible Time

Use these Bible activities during family devotions or special Bible times you have with your preschooler.

### In God's Book

Use a simple call and response to review the story and the memory verse. Say phrases from the story and have your child complete the sentence with "A Savior has been born."

In a stable in Bethlehem,

(Child) A Savior has been born.

Mary had a little Son.

(Child) A Savior has been born.

Sleeping in a manger bed,

(Child) A Savior has been born.



### Let's Pray

Praise God that Jesus was born. List reasons that Jesus' birth makes you glad.

#### LESSON FOCUS

We are glad that Jesus is born!

#### BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:

"A Savior has been born." Luke 2:11

