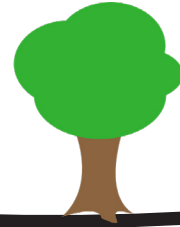


Christmas 1: Baby Jesus is Coming



Scripture: Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-24

Memory Verse: Matthew 1:21b

Give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Objective:

Jesus is my gift.

Tune: *Skip to my Lou*

Give him the name Jesus. (clap or snap)

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Matthew one, twenty one. (form book with hands)

Activity and Craft Supplies:

- Play Construction Tools
- Large Blocks
- Medium-sized Wrapped Box
- Music CD

Song: *Away in a Manger Traditional*

Away in a manger (rock baby in your arms)

No crib for a bed (shake head “no”)

The little Lord Jesus (point up)

Laid down His sweet head (place hands beside head to “sleep”)

The stars in the sky (flick fingers in the air)

Looked down where He lay (place hand on forehead and “look”)

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay (place hands beside head to “sleep”)

Comprehension Questions:

What gift did God give us?

Why was Mary so scared?

What did Mary say when the angel said she was going to have a baby named Jesus?

Why did God give us such a wonderful gift?

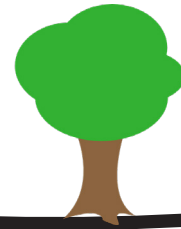


Snack Options:

During Christmas time, stores often offer various Christmas shaped crackers, pretzels, and treats. Choose one and discuss it's relationship to the Christmas story.

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Christmas 1: Activities



Activity:

Building: Joseph was a carpenter or a builder. Give the children play construction tools and large blocks, and tell them to build like Joseph.

Dance Freeze: Play a kids' song from Cd's such as *Hide 'Em in Your Heart*, *Go Fish*, and *Seeds Family Worship*. Instruct the children to dance as the music plays. As soon as the music stops, each player must immediately freeze until the music begins again. This could be free dance or give the children a specific movement for each time. Discuss how God wants us to obey just as Mary and Joseph obeyed the angel.

Gift Relay Race: Line up the children in two lines, one on each side of the room, facing each other. Give the first child in Line 1 a medium-sized wrapped box. The child must carry the gift to the first person in Line 2 using only his elbows. Take turns carrying the gift. If time allows, have the children carry the gift in other ways (e.g. between knees, between two children watching back-to-back).

Song:

Mary Had a Baby *Based on Traditional Song*

Mary had a baby, yes Lord
Mary had a baby, yes my Lord
Mary had a baby, yes Lord
God's gift-- to the whole world is a baby boy.

Mary named him Jesus, yes Lord
Mary named him Jesus, yes my Lord
Mary named him Jesus, yes Lord
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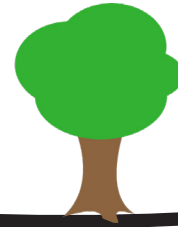


Additional Ideas:

- ABCJLM Ideas: ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/christmas
- "Mary Had a Baby" Song: [YouTu.be/huARRA_-75E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huARRA_-75E)
- Lengthen the memory verse for older children.

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Christmas 1: Bible Time



Supplies:

- Bible
- Wrapped present

Flannelgraph:

- Indoor Board with Window 230
- Angel - 9
- Mary - 102

Show present. Raise your hand and tell me what this is. Raise your hand and tell me what you think is in this present. *Respond with "maybe."* Raise your hand and tell me who you think the gift is for. *Respond with "maybe."*

This month is December and we know that there is a special holiday this month. Raise your hand and tell me what holiday it is. Christmas is in December. Now, raise your hand and tell me why we have Christmas. Of course we love the presents, Christmas trees, and yummy food, but there is more to Christmas than all of that. God made a promise a long, long, long time ago of a very special gift. Clear back in the Old Testament, God made a promise of this gift.

Show present. Put your finger on your knee if you think God was talking about a present like this. No. God's gift didn't come in a box. God's gift was a baby. A very special baby.

The Bible tells us that a young girl named Mary was to be married to a man named Joseph. An angel appeared to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord is with you." Pretend to be an angel and tell Mary "Greetings!"

Mary was very confused. Show me a confused face. The Angel said, "You are going to have a baby. The baby is the Son of God." Mary said, "This is impossible." The Angel said, "Nothing is impossible with God." Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant." Mary was saying that she would do whatever God wanted her to do.

This month we are going to be talking a lot about God's gift...a baby. Raise your hand if you know the name of the baby. Jesus! Jesus is God's gift to us.

Put on your thinking cap because I have a really hard question. *Put on pretend hat.* Raise your hand and tell me why God gave us Jesus, such a wonderful gift. God gave us the gift of Jesus because He loves us so much!

If you like to receive gifts, give me a thumbs up. We all like receiving gifts. But the gift that God gave us... Jesus...is the best gift of all!

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