

3 STORY PICTURE: Jesus' Birth
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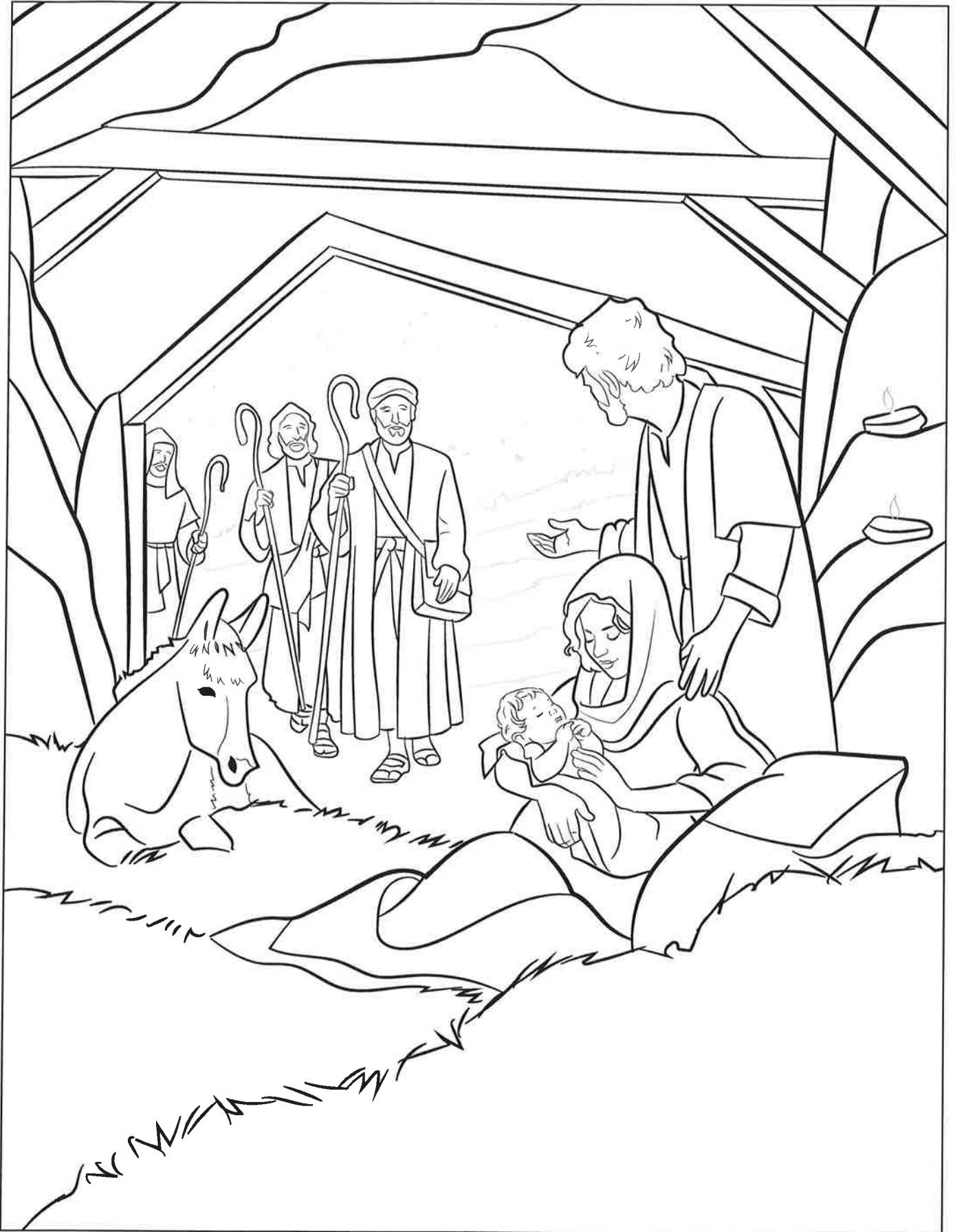
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A SPECIAL BABY'S BIRTH

Draw a line to the picture that answers each question.

**Today
a Savior
was born.**

Luke 2:11

Who told Joseph
some special and
exciting news?

Where did Mary
and Joseph go?

Who was born
in a stable?

Who thanked God
for Jesus?



Baby Jesus in manger



Angel



Shepherds



Bethlehem



For the Week of 12.20.2020

EXPLORE THE BIBLE



1 Gather Around the Nativity

- Gather children to circle time. Once everyone is seated, pass out one side of a Christmas card keeping one side for yourself. Then one at a time, hold up your half of the Christmas card and ask for the preschooler with the matching half to stand beside you to match yours. Invite the preschooler to describe the card. Continue until everyone has had a chance to participate.
- Say: "Our Christmas card puzzles remind me of our Bible Story for today." Open your Bible to Luke 2:11 and read it. Then say: "Today's Bible story tells us about what happened after Joseph married Mary and that Jesus was born." Using the Bible Story Picture Card, read today's story.
- Recall the story using the toy nativity. Show the preschoolers each piece of the toy nativity and identify the pieces while briefly describing their part in the story. Then pass out the pieces and re-read the Bible story having the preschoolers add their pieces to the nativity when each piece is described.
- Remark: "The Bible tells us that God sent His son, Jesus, to earth. Mary gave birth to Jesus."

2

Create your own Nativity Scene

- Pass out the nativity scene sticker kits and have the preschoolers create their own nativity scene.
- Review the Bible story with comprehension questions while they work. *Who was born in Bethlehem? (Jesus) Who hurried to see Jesus? (shepherds) What did the angels say? (Today a Savior was for you. Peace on Earth)*
- Remark: "We read about Jesus' birth the Books of Matthew and Luke."

3 Make Christmas Cards

- Play Christmas music and invite preschooler to make their own Christmas cards for friends and family members.
- Comment: "Christmas is a special time to celebrate Jesus' birth."
- Have each child recall today's Bible verse from Luke 2:11 by repeating it after you.



We ♥ volunteers!

And YOU make a great fit!

There is a place 4 u:

- WEST CAMPUS @ 830am + 11am

Happy Birthday!

Cooper Reece - 5 yrs!
Blakely Hanna - 3 yrs!

Drew McElvain - 5 yrs!
Jordyn Hinton - 2 yrs!

WELCOME Baby new arrivals

Baby Hester—February 2021

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Ask me what I learned today...

Today's Bible Story: God's Son is Born

Bible Text Truth:
God's Son, Jesus, was born. Everything God promised came true with Jesus.

Bible Skills learned this week:

- Know there are two main Bible parts: OT & NT.
- Understand that the Bible tells that God sent Jesus to earth.

Bible Focus @ Home:
Merry Christmas! We are learning about the very first Christmas this month. Our lessons are planned to help your preschooler begin to understand that Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem, that Jesus was born and rested in a manger, and that people were happy Jesus was born. With Christmas being just days away, you and your preschooler will be part of family celebrations - remember to worship God for the greatest gift of all: Jesus!

shout out

Volunteer

WRBC PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEERS are the BEST!

Upcoming Preschool Events

Christmas Eve Services Thursday, December 24, 2020. Both Campuses. 3:00pm // 4:30pm* // 6:00pm. *Birth-3yrs preschool care only.

Sunday, December 27, 2020 No Sunday School. Birth-3yr preschool care only during the 9:45am service .

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020



BIBLE STORY:

Matthew 1:24-25; Luke 2

DECEMBER MEMORY VERSE:

John 1:14

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus was born. (BT)

God's Son, Jesus, was born. (P)

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus, our Savior, was born in Bethlehem. (YK)

Jesus, our Savior and Lord, was born in Bethlehem. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Luke 2:4-19

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Luke 2:11

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Luke 2:21-24*

MONDAY: *Luke 2:25-27*

TUESDAY: *Luke 2:28-32*

WEDNESDAY: *Luke 2:33-35*

THURSDAY: *Luke 2:36-38*

FRIDAY: *Luke 2:39-40*

SATURDAY: *Luke 2:41-47*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

USE THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU STUDY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY:



• **Play with farm animals.**

Gather toy farm animals or print pictures of farm animals and tape them to cardboard tubes.

Allow your family to get creative as they play with the farm animals. Relate their play to the Bible story of Jesus' birth.

Say: "The Bible tells us that Jesus was born in a place where the animals lived. What do you think it would have looked like, or smelled like, in the place where Jesus was born?"

• **Explore Bethlehem.**

Use tools you have available either in your home, the back of your Bible, or the Internet to discover what you can about both ancient and modern-day Bethlehem.

If you have older children, allow them to take the lead in doing some research to discover fascinating things about the city. Encourage your family members to share some of the things they learned.

Pray, thanking God that Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem, just like God planned. Invite other family members to pray as desired.

• **Read the Christmas story.**

Gather your family and open your Bible to Luke 2. Read the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-20 or suggest family members take turns reading if they would like.

Once you have read the story, review some of the interesting aspects of the story. Give each person a turn to decide what the most exciting part of the story is for them and to briefly share with everyone.

Say: "God sent Jesus to be born in Bethlehem, just like God promised. Jesus came to save people from their sins. We can thank God for sending Jesus for us."

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SESSION 3

Text Truth: God's Son, Jesus, was born.

Bible Verse: Today a Savior was born for you. Luke 2:11

Bible Verse Paraphrase: Today a Savior was born. Luke 2:11



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