



WEEK
TWO
DECEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically
designed for older preschoolers



3. "J" IS FOR JESUS MAZE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "'J' Is for Jesus Maze" Activity Page, cardstock, and washable markers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the "'J' Is for Jesus Maze" on cardstock and set one page at each spot at the table. Place the washable markers in the center of the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to find a spot at the table. Point out the "J" at the top of the page and the manger with Baby Jesus at the bottom. Have the children complete the maze by starting with the "J" at the top and winding through the maze to Jesus in the manger at the bottom of the page. Celebrate as they complete their mazes.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Collect pages, make sure each child's name is on their page, and set aside for pick-up.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "'J' is for Jesus! I'm so glad **God gave us Jesus.** Let's find a spot at the table."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Look at the page on the table. What letter do you see at the top? I'll give you a hint. It makes a 'J' sound. (Pause.) Yes, it's a 'J'! 'J' is for Jesus. And oh, my goodness, what do you see at the bottom of the page? It's Baby Jesus in the manger! Let's use our markers and start at the top. Can you figure out how to get the 'J' through the maze all the way to Baby Jesus? I know you can!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job, friends. 'J' is for Jesus. God gave us Jesus because He loves us so, so much. Tell me, **how do we know God loves us? God gave us Jesus.**"

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is born.
("J" is for Jesus.)

JESUS IS BORN
LUKE 2:1-7

MEMORY VERSE

"God has given a son to us."

ISAIAH 9:6, NCV

KEY QUESTION

How do we know
God loves us?

BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.



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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Isaiah 9:6, journal, a fun-shaped pen, and Happy Birthday or present stickers

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SGL: Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God.
(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)

"Today, we'll tell Jesus 'Happy Birthday!' I will write 'JESUS' real big in our journal. When I say your name, you can put a birthday sticker around Jesus' name. After you put the sticker around Jesus' name, I want you to say, 'Happy Birthday, Jesus!' Get ready and listen for your name.

(Write JESUS in large letters on a page in the journal. Say each child's name and give them a birthday sticker to put around JESUS. Encourage them to say, "Happy Birthday, Jesus!")

"That was so special! We all told Jesus 'Happy Birthday,' because Christmas is all about when Jesus was born! Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

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PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, Thank You that we get to learn about the true story of Christmas. Thank You that Jesus was born and He wants to be our friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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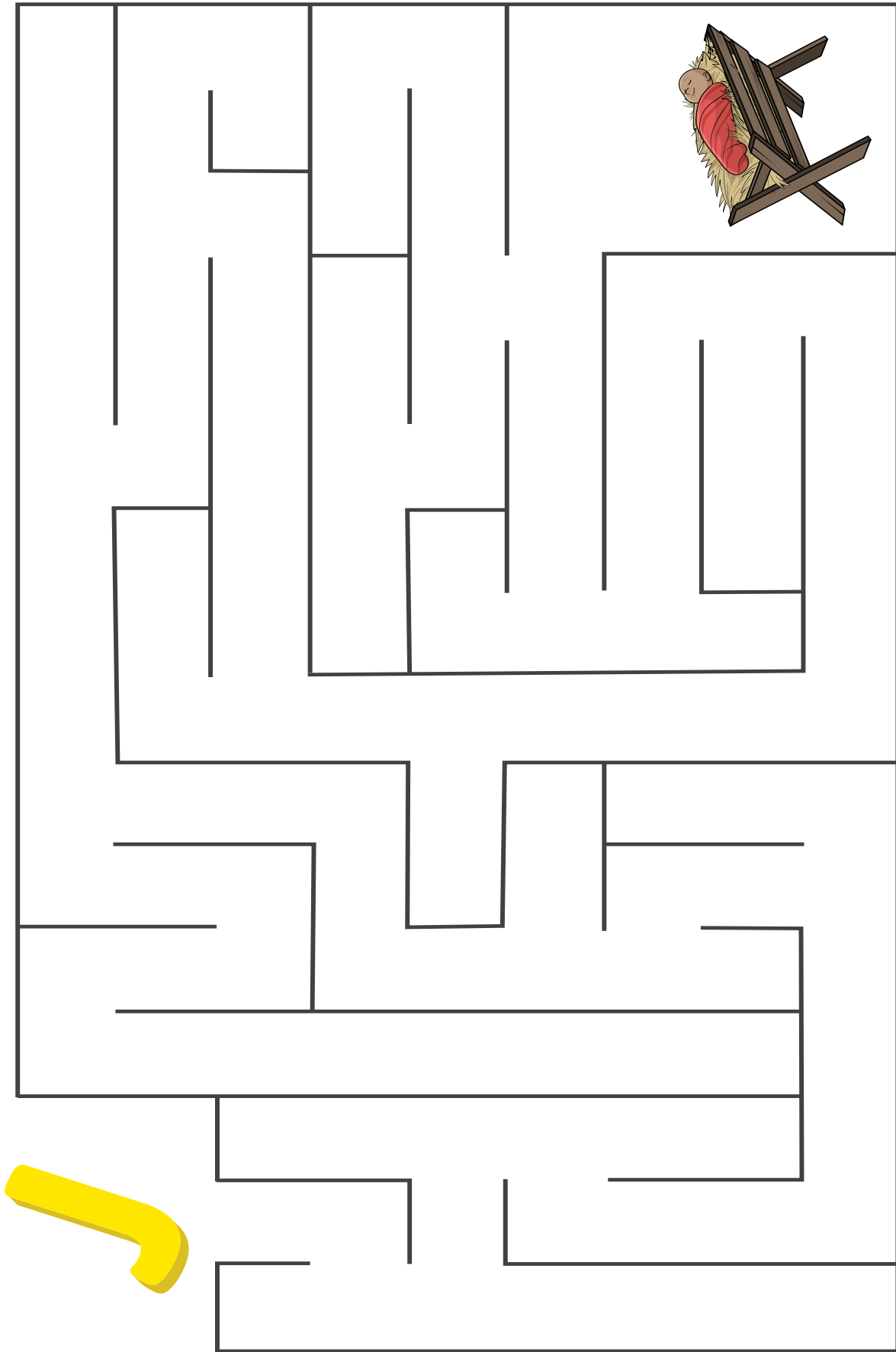
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