



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. NATIVITY POP-UP
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Nativity Pop-Up" and "Mary and Joseph Pop-Up" Activity Pages; cardstock; scissors; glue sticks; crayons; and a pen

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Nativity Pop-Up" on cardstock, one per child. Fold and cut where indicated on each page then unfold. Copy "Mary and Joseph Pop-Up" on cardstock and cut, one set per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color their stable and manger. Have children color Mary and Joseph and glue them on either side of the manger. Fold each child's paper following the fold line, the picture will be visible. Fold the cut portion up and crease then fold back down. Unfold full page and fold again with the picture not visible. Lift the top portion and the manger will pop out. See our Pinterest board for a demonstration. <https://pin.it/1I59RGO>

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come to the table and sit down. I have a special Christmas picture for you to make today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "What do you see on your paper? (Pause.) It's the stable with Baby Jesus in the manger. Color your picture. (Pause.) Who's missing from your picture? (Pause.) Mary and Joseph are missing. (Pause.) Here they are. (Give each child a Mary and Joseph cutouts.) Color the pictures of Mary and Joseph. (Pause.) Now glue Joseph on one side of the manger and Mary on the other side. (Pause.) That looks great, but there is something neat your picture can do. Watch this. (Fold each child's paper in half following the fold line, the picture will be visible. Fold the cut portion up and crease then fold back down. Unfold full page and fold again with the picture not visible. Lift the top portion and the manger will pop out.) Isn't this cool? Now you have a standing picture of the Christmas Story."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In today's story, we heard about when Jesus was born! It started when Mary and Joseph needed to travel to Bethlehem. When they got to Bethlehem, they needed to find a place to stay. So Joseph knocked on a door to see if they had a room. The man said there was no room but they could stay in the stable out back. So Mary and Joseph went to sleep in a stable where all the animals stayed. That night, Jesus was born! Mary wrapped Baby Jesus up and put Him in a manger. The most special baby in all the world had been born! This is why we celebrate Christmas. Jesus was born. And Jesus is God's Son. **Why is Jesus special? Jesus is God's Son.**"

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is born.

JESUS IS BORN
LUKE 2:1-7

MEMORY VERSE

"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son."

JOHN 3:16, GNT

KEY QUESTION

Why is Jesus special?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is God's Son.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.



WEEK
TWO
DECEMBER 2022

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

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25 MINUTES

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in Bible from Week 1; journal; fun-shaped pen; and sheets of birthday stickers

BIBLE STORY

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Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*) The day we are born is what we call our birthday. Birthdays are fun because we get to have a party and celebrate! Since our Bible story was about when Jesus was born, we'll do something special for Jesus' birthday.

MEMORY VERSE

"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son."

JOHN 3:16, GNT

"I'll write Jesus' name in our journal, like this. (*Write "JESUS" in the middle of your page. Remember to print so the children can recognize the letters.*) Now, when I call your name, you can pick a birthday sticker to go around Jesus' name. (*Call each child and let them choose a birthday sticker to go around Jesus' name.*) Look at what we made! It's a special 'happy birthday' page for Jesus! Let's pray and thank God for Jesus.

"Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)"

KEY QUESTION

Why is Jesus special?

AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for Jesus. We are so glad Jesus was born and He wants to be our friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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