

Jesus Loves Us



Jesus Was Born

Jesus Grew Up

Jesus Helped People

Notes to the Teacher

1. Remove the letter to parents from the front of each student book and sign each letter. Distribute the letter to the parents of each child in your class on or before the first Sunday of the quarter.
2. In preparation for the quarter, you may want to take apart all the student books and cut around the stickers. Put all the lesson 1 sheets and stickers in a folder; put all the lesson 2 sheets and stickers in another folder; continue for all thirteen lessons. This will save you time during the quarter.
3. If a child is absent, be sure to give that child the student book sheet (and any stickers or additional pieces) and take-home card the week following the absence.

Using the Student Book Sheets

This student book will help you review with the children the Bible lessons and memory verses. As the children work on their sheets, talk with them about the pictures. After printing a child's name on the paper, have that child repeat the Bible verse with you.

Materials

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| Lesson 1 | December 3 | Basket sticker; sandpaper; cotton balls |
| Lesson 2 | December 10 | Lamb sticker; straw |
| Lesson 3 | December 17 | Angel sticker; cotton balls |
| Lesson 4 | December 24 | Baby Jesus sticker; cotton balls |
| Lesson 5 | December 31 | Star sticker; sandpaper |
| Lesson 6 | January 7 | Gift stickers |
| Lesson 7 | January 14 | Rolled blanket sticker |
| Lesson 8 | January 21 | Jar of scrolls sticker |
| Lesson 9 | January 28 | Rock sticker; cloud sticker |
| Lesson 10 | February 4 | Flowering bush sticker |
| Lesson 11 | February 11 | Stars sticker; glitter glue |
| Lesson 12 | February 18 | Lightning bolt sticker; cotton balls |
| Lesson 13 | February 25 | Baby Jesus sticker; boy Jesus sticker |



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Welcome to the 2s & 3s Department!

An exciting quarter of Bible teaching is before us! We want to help your child realize why Christmas is special. And then your child will learn about the wonderful things Jesus did as He grew from a boy to a man.

Review with Your Child

The lesson truths and Bible verses for this quarter are listed on the back of this sheet. Place this sheet where you will see it often. Use the Bible verses in informal conversations with your child. This will help your child realize that God's Word is for everyday living—not just for Sunday.

Each week the student book sheet will include suggestions for activities to do, action rhymes to say, and songs to sing at home with your child. You will be surprised at how many Bible truths your child can retain when reviewing them in activities, rhymes, and songs.

News for You

The birth of God's Son gave us something far greater than a holiday to celebrate. It provided the means for our gift of eternal life. If you need to know more about the true meaning of Christmas, please contact me or someone else in our church. We will be happy to share more about this greatest of gifts.

Sincerely,

Teacher

Lesson Truths

Weeks 1–4

Jesus Was Born

The Christmas unit includes four familiar events from Luke 2: Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem, the birth of Jesus, the angels' appearance to the shepherds, and the shepherds' visit to the manger. Your child will learn that baby Jesus is God's Son and that God planned for Him to be born. Christmas is a special day because it is Jesus' birthday.

Weeks 5–8

Jesus Grew Up

Continuing with stories about Jesus, we will emphasize that Jesus grew. He did not stay a tiny baby. When the wise men saw Him, He was about two years old, and when He went to the temple with Mary and Joseph, He was twelve. Your child will learn that Jesus, God's Son, grew, just as your child is growing.

Weeks 9–13

Jesus Helped People

When Jesus performed miracles, He was a grown man. These stories about Jesus will emphasize how He helped people and had power over nature. Your child will learn that Jesus can do wonderful things because He is the Son of God.



Bible Verses

December 3 and 10 and February 25

"[God] loved us, and sent his Son"
(1 John 4:10).

December 17 and 24

"Unto you is born this day . . .
a Saviour" (Luke 2:11).

December 31 and January 7

"The child grew, and [became] strong"
(Luke 2:40).

January 14 and 21

"Let us go into the house of the LORD"
(Psalm 122:1).

January 28 and February 4

"There is nothing too hard for [God]"
(Jeremiah 32:17).

February 11 and 18

"I am with thee" (Isaiah 41:10).

Mary and Joseph Went to Bethlehem



Name _____

Instructions: Finish coloring the picture. Glue sandpaper on the road and add cotton balls to the clouds. Place the basket sticker on the donkey.

Today's Bible Story

"Mary and Joseph Went to Bethlehem"
(Luke 2:1–6)

Today's Bible Verse

"[God] loved us, and sent his Son" (1 John 4:10).

Suggestions for Parents

It won't take long for your child to learn what the world thinks of Christmas. Make an effort to reinforce the Biblical truths about Christmas, using some of these simple ideas:

- When you receive Christmas cards featuring Bible scenes, take time to look at those cards with your child and talk about the pictures.
- Display a kid-friendly nativity set. Your child will enjoy rearranging the characters and animals again and again.
- Visit a live nativity in your community.
- Set out picture books about the birth of Jesus. Your child may want you read the books aloud or may want to only look at the pictures.
- Play recordings of Christian Christmas music produced for children.
- Beat the consumerism and busyness of Christmas by communicating with your actions the true reason for the holiday. Instead of running out to buy one more gift, involve your family in an act of kindness. Instead of feeling stressed over baking cookies and other treats, donate food, such as ingredients for a Christmas dinner, to your church's food pantry or to a church member who needs it.
- On Christmas Day, serve a birthday cake and sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus.

Let this Christmas be one when you reinforce the true meaning of Christmas.