



Jesus was born!

Luke 2:1-20



☆Let's Talk

ASK *What do you see in the picture?*

SAY God's Son, the Savior, was born in Bethlehem. Shepherds hurried to the stable, where they found Mary, Joseph, and the baby. When they saw baby Jesus lying in a manger, they were very glad. Everyone looked at the baby with joy!

ASK *What do you think the shepherds did after they saw baby Jesus?*

SAY The shepherds were too excited to keep the good news to themselves. They told everyone that God's Son, the promised Savior, had been born in Bethlehem. As they returned to the fields, the shepherds praised God and thanked him for everything they had seen and heard.

☆Let's Play and Learn

Remind children that Jesus was like other babies in some ways and he was different from other babies in some ways. Then play this learning game. When you name a way that Jesus was like other babies, children must pretend to rock a baby in their arms. When you name a way Jesus was different from other babies, children must point up—as though pointing toward heaven. Be prepared to guide them through this activity.

- **Jesus needed a mother to take care of him.** (*rock baby in arms*)
- **Jesus was God's Son.** (*point up*)
- **Jesus needed to be held, fed, and changed.** (*rock baby in arms*)
- **Jesus was born without any sin in his heart.** (*point up*)
- **Jesus needed to be wrapped in something warm.** (*rock baby in arms*)
- **Jesus came from heaven to earth to save his people from their sin.** (*point up*)

☆Let's Pray

Join hands in a circle. Lead children in saying this prayer, phrase by phrase.

Dear God, thank you for sending the promised Savior. It was a very special day when Jesus was born. Thank you for loving us enough to send your very own Son to be our Savior. Help us to tell others that Jesus is the Savior! Amen.