



LITTLE TOTS

@HOME LESSONS

LITTLE LEARNERS FAITH FORMATION

Topic: Jesus is Born

Scripture Reference: Luke 2:1-20

About this Topic: You will read the story "Jesus Is Born" on pages 22-23 in the Frolic First Bible



Read the Christmas Story in your Story Bible.

Explore the Story with Infants

Cradle and rock your baby as you sing a Christmas song to him or her. Imagine Jesus as a baby!

Explore the Story with Toddlers on the Move

Act out today's story. Pretend to ride donkeys. Moo like cows. Baa like sheep. Fly with angel wings. Sing "Glory to God" like angels. Shine like stars. Cry like a little baby!

Explore the Story with Talkative Toddlers

Invite your child to find and name the people, places, and things in this story. Where is the star? The baby? Find the stars in the sky & twinkle your fingers. Where is the bright star? Who came to see Baby Jesus? What do you think that stable sounded like? Who came to see you when you first became part of your family?

Time to explore! Time to play! Let's all Learn with God today.



Let's Color Together.....For Toddlers

Supplies: Jesus Is Born Coloring Page, crayons, and blank paper

This activity supports **coloring skills**.

Caregivers, while you do this . . .

Encourage your child to color the images of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Delight in their colorful picture of the first Christmas.

Your child is learning this...

- When I color, I develop my fine motor skills.
- I also learn the names of colors.
- **When I color pictures of Baby Jesus, I learn the Christmas story.**



Bible Verse

"While they were there,
the time came for her to
deliver her child."

—Luke 2:6



Today's Ritual

Today's ritual may be used
as a chant or a song. **Let's
flap our wings like the
angels! Now let's reach up
high in the sky and sing!**

**Glory to God,
Glory to God,
Jesus is born. (Rock arms to
cradle a baby.)**



Prayer

Dear God,
In the busyness of this
season, we give you
thanks for the unexpected
moments in my parenting
journey. Be with _____.
I ask for your presence
and guidance as we
gather here today. Amen.

Nativity Nook.....

For Infants & Toddlers

Supplies: Toddler-friendly nativity sets

This activity supports **vocabulary skills** and **imaginative play**.

Caregivers, while you do this . . .

Use the nativity set to act out today's story. Name all pieces of the set, like Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, and the animals.

Your child is learning this...

- When I play with characters from a story, I learn the story more deeply.
 - **When I can handle and play with a nativity set, I discover how the story of Baby Jesus relates to me.**
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Sing-Along Time.....

For Infants & Toddlers

Supplies: Toddler rhythm instruments

This activity supports **musical awareness** and **motor skills**.

Caregivers, while you do this . . .

Explore the instruments together and talk about sounds made by the different instruments. Then sing a favorite Christmas song while your child accompanies you with the instrument.

Your child is learning this...

- Making sounds with instruments helps me explore musical concepts like volume and pitch.
 - **Hearing songs about Jesus' birth teaches me about the Christmas story.**
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Dance like the Angels.....

For Infants & Toddlers

Supplies: Basket; white or gold towels, scarves, or other fabrics. Place the fabrics in a basket.

This activity promotes **rhythmic large motor movement**.

Caregivers, while you do this . . .

Dance like the angels in the sky! Flap your wings and say "Glory to God!" With younger infants, gently wave their arms like angels and dance with them by swaying.

Your child is learning this...

- When we dance together, I feel connected to you.
 - **When we say "Glory to God!" I am learning words from the Bible that I may hear in worship too.**
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Play time is over For you and me. Let's finish Prayer. One two three!

Let's make praying hands.

PRAY

Dear God,
Thank you for the baby Jesus. (*Cradle hands together and rock.*)
Amen. (*Fold hands in prayer.*)

The shepherds rushed to see Baby Jesus.

