



WEEK TWO – DECEMBER 2025 – TODDLERS

Bible Story: *Jesus is Born | Luke 2:1-7*

Key Question: *How do we know God loves us?*

Bottom Line: *God gave us Jesus*

Memory Verse: *“God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son” – John 3:16 GNT*

Basic Truth: *God loves you*

Series Overview: The shapes we’re talking about this month are so much more than just hearts, squares, circles, and stars. They are fun ways to help preschoolers remember the true story of Christmas. Hearts remind us that “God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son” (John 3:16, GNT). Squares look like a gift, and Jesus is absolutely the best gift ever. Circles remind us of fluffy sheep, and God sent angels to announce His great gift to shepherds who were watching their sheep. Then God put a special star in the sky to lead wise men to come worship young Jesus.

LARGE GROUP

STORY TIME

Gather children at the tables to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need: Bible: “Story Pictures” Activity Pages

What You Say:

“Hello, friends! I’m so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today’s true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with Mary and Joseph (*hold up the picture of Mary and Joseph*) and the true story of Christmas. Mary and Joseph traveled a long, long way to the town of Bethlehem.

“Mary was about to have a baby so she may have ridden a donkey. (*Hold up the picture of Mary and Joseph travelling.*) Once Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, they stayed in a place that had a manger. (*Hold up the picture of the manger.*) A manger is something animals eat out of. So there might have been some animals there too! (*Hold up the picture of animals.*) This is where Jesus, God’s Son, was born! Mary wrapped Jesus up and laid Him in a manger. (*Hold up the picture of Jesus in the manger.*) Jesus is the best gift ever! God loves us so much that [**Bottom Line**] **God gave us Jesus.** Happy Birthday, Jesus!”

SMALL GROUP

CRAFT TIME

What You Need: “Best Gift Headband” Activity Page; dot markers; sentence strips; wipes; scissors; glue sticks; self-inking stamps

What You Do:

- Glue the cutout to the middle of each child’s sentence strip and write their name.
- Encourage children to decorate their picture and headband with markers and stamps.
 - Clean hands as needed.
- Measure each child’s headband around their head and staple the ends together with the bend closure facing out.
- Place a piece of tape over the staple closure.
- Encourage children to wear their headbands home.

What You Say:

“Today in our story, we learned that God gave us a very special gift, **[Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus!** Jesus is the best gift! We are going to make a headband to wear home to celebrate Jesus. Use the markers and stamps to decorate your headband. *(Pause.)* Fantastic! Now I’m going to measure it around your head and fasten the ends. *(Measure around their head, staple, and add a piece of tape over the staple closure.)* Put your headbands on and let’s sing Happy Birthday to Jesus! *(Sing together with children.)* Yay! Happy Birthday, Jesus! Jesus is the best gift ever! God loves us so much that **[Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus.**

