



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
God of Wonders The Wonder of Advent
Unit 10, Lesson 50

Advent 3: Jesus Is Born

Lesson Aim: To know Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: Happy Birthday, Jesus!
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Cows Go "Moo"
- BLOCK AND CAR CENTER: A Trip to Bethlehem
- DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER: Born in a Manger
- NATIVITY CENTER: Baby Jesus

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO COMES NEAR

Christmas is a special time when we remember the birth of Jesus. Let's pray and thank God for this special time. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to earth as a baby. Help us to remember that His birth is why we celebrate Christmas. Amen.**

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES: BETHLEHEM CANDLE:

The Bethlehem candle reminds us that Jesus the Savior was born in Bethlehem.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. "Glory to God in the highest!" Luke 2:14a

THE WORD GOD WAS WITH MARY CLASSROOM PROMISE

Hold the baby on your lap. **Who can tell me what babies need? Can babies get all those things themselves? (No.) Who takes care of babies? (Moms, Dads, grandparents, other caregivers.) Our story today is about a special Mom who was going to have a special baby. Can you tell me who they are? (Mary and Jesus.) God sent the angel Gabriel to announce Jesus' birth. Let's listen to our story.** Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Luke 1:31.

WATCH THE WORD: LUKE 2:1-7

Read poem. Display visual.

- **Mary was a teenager, good and kind.**
- **One day she saw an angel bright.**
- **Gabriel, the angel said, "The Lord is with you."**
- **Mary was surprised. She wondered what to do.**
- **But Gabriel said, "Do not be afraid.**
- **The Lord sent me to you this day.**
- **The Lord is very pleased with you.**
- **He is giving you His Son; here is what to do.**
- **Name Him Jesus when He is born.**
- **He will be King forever more."**

What was the first thing the angel told Mary? ("God is with you.") What did the angel tell Mary to name her Son? (Jesus.)

THE WAY THE LORD IS WITH YOU

CRAFT: Baby Jesus Ornament

GAMES: Act It Out, Animal Walk

SNACK: Manger Munchies

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Luke 2:1-7

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Glory to God!, Quiet Time
STORY TIME