



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
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

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "A Savior has been born."

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO COMES NEAR

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who comes near. He came near when He sent His Son Jesus to be born in the town of Bethlehem. We can spend time with God today by giving our offering, singing, and praying to Him. These are great ways to thank God for all He has done for us. Let's start by giving our offering. Play: "Give Thanks to the Lord" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

Our Whisper Verse for today is "A Savior has been born." Review the Whisper Verse with the sign language. A savior is someone who saves people. Jesus is the called the Savior because He came to save the world. Sing: "I Bring You Good News."

The Lighting of the Christmas Candles: The Bethlehem Candle

We light the Christmas candles to get our hearts ready to celebrate Christmas. Today, we light our third candle, the Bethlehem candle. We light it to remind us that Jesus the Savior was born in Bethlehem. Choose a child to assist in lighting the fourth candle.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook. If you read the storybook, light the fourth candle now.

Where did baby Jesus sleep? (In a manger.) A manger is a big box that holds the food for the stable animals. Because there was no room in the inn, Mary wrapped Jesus in cloths and laid Him in a manger. There, even the shepherds and animals could see Him and worship Him. Let's worship Him now by singing "Away in a Manger" and "O Come, All Ye Faithful." Sing the first verse of both songs.

THE WORD JESUS WAS BORN IN A MANGER CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned God sent the angel Gabriel to visit Mary. Today, we will hear about the miracle of baby Jesus coming to earth. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Luke 2:7.

WATCH THE WORD: LUKE 2:1-7

Read poem. Display visual.

- Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem town.
- They went there for it was Joseph's hometown.
- They arrived after traveling for a very long while.
- Soon it was time to have Mary's first child.

- He was born in a manger in Bethlehem;
- For there was no room for them in the inn.
- Mary wrapped baby Jesus in swaddling clothes,
- And lay Him in the manger—the place that God chose.

Why did Mary and Joseph have to put baby Jesus in a manger? (There was no room in the inn.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Luke 2:7 from the teacher's Bible.

Who was born in the manger? (Baby Jesus, our Savior.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together, "A Savior has been born." Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY GOD CAME NEAR TO US THROUGH BABY JESUS

CRAFT: Baby Jesus Ornament

GAMES: Act It Out, No Room in the Inn Relay

SNACK: Manger Munchies

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Luke 2:1-7

CRAFT: Advent Wreath

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Memory Verse Echo
STORY TIME