



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
Kings & Kingdoms: Advent of the King
Unit 10, Lesson 50

Advent 3: Birthplace of the King

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

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: Birthplace of the King
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Moo, Baa, Hee-Haw!
- BLOCK CENTER: Born in a Stable
- NATIVITY CENTER: Act It Out!

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO CAME TO US

Before we begin Praise Time, let's pray. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us so much that You came into the world to save us. Amen.**

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES: The Bethlehem Candle

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

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions.

THE WORD BORN IN BETHLEHEM

CLASSROOM PROMISE

Who remembers the names of baby Jesus' parents? (Mary and Joseph.) **Jesus was King of all kings but He wasn't born in a palace. He didn't have special toys or even a crib. When King Jesus was born, Mary placed Him in a manger. A manger is a long box that holds food for animals to eat. That doesn't sound very nice does it?**

Do you know what Mary and Joseph put inside the manger for Jesus to lay on? (Hay.) **I brought some hay so you could see and feel what Jesus' birthplace was like.** Open the gift bag and let the children see and touch the hay. **Let's listen to our story.** 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. Optional: Read a Christmas storybook.

- **Mary went with Joseph on a trip.**
- **They traveled to Bethlehem.**
- **They found no place for her son to be born,**
- **For there was no room in the inn.**
- **When Jesus was born, Mary wrapped Him in cloth;**
- **In a manger she lay Him down.**
- **God chose that His Son would be born this way,**
- **In a manger in Bethlehem town.**

Who was born in Bethlehem? (Baby Jesus.) **Where did Mary lay baby Jesus?** (In a manger.)

THE WAY THINK ABOUT THE MANGER

CRAFT: Bethlehem Manger

GAMES: Travel to Bethlehem, The Baby King

SNACK: Manger Snack

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

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

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Luke 2:1-7

CRAFT: Advent Crown Wreath

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Hop Around the World, I Bring You Good News!

STORY TIME