

## Sunday Teacher's Lesson for children



# Life of Christ

## Jesus is born!

## Luke 2:1-20

Younger Verse

A Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

Older Verse

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

Advent

Each week we have lit a candle to help us remember things about Jesus' birth. What candle did we light first? (Promise) We have hope because God kept His promise. The second candle was Bethlehem. Shepherd's candle was the third candle. Now, we light the Angel candle to remind us of the beautiful angels that told the good news of Jesus' birth. (For today or Christmas eve: We also light the center candle—the Christ candle. We are celebrating Jesus' birth today! Let's sing "Come On Ring Those Bells!")

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

For the past few Sundays, we have been talking about Mary and Joseph. An angel told both of them the good news about Jesus' birth. Today we will celebrate Jesus' birthday!

The ruler of the kingdom made a law that everyone must be counted. Each person had to go to his home town to be counted.

So, Joseph and Mary packed up and traveled to a small town called Bethlehem, because that was the hometown of Joseph. It was a very long and tiring trip because Mary was pregnant.

When they arrived in Bethlehem, there were no more motel rooms available, so they stayed in a stable with the animals. That night, Mary gave birth to Jesus. She wrapped Him in cloth and put Him in the feed box where the animals ate their food.

At that time there were shepherds out in the fields with the sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and they were terrified. The angel told them not to be afraid and explained the great news about Jesus' birth. They were very joyful and excited about Jesus' birth.

Lesson Goals

**Know that Christmas is Jesus' birthday!**  
**See that God had a special plan**  
**Understand how much God loved us--He sent his Son**



**Suddenly a large group of angels appeared and sang songs to God for His gift of Jesus. They were so excited and happy about Jesus. They sang with such joy in their hearts.**

**The shepherds were so amazed that they went to see Jesus. They found Him just as the angels said. What a wonderful day! They spread the joyful news to others about Jesus' birth.**

**After that, the shepherds went back to their sheep. They praised God for all the things they had heard and seen.**

**God did a special miracle that day. He sent His only son Jesus into the world because He loved us. God gave us the best gift ever...the gift of Jesus. He is the only way we can be with God in Heaven. Jesus is our ladder or bridge to help us go to Heaven one day. We must trust Jesus and believe in Him. Would you like to trust Jesus today?**

**Do you have joy in your heart like the angels and shepherds? They were excited because they knew that God had sent His Son into our world. Let's be joyful today as we celebrate Jesus' birth.**

#### **Learning Activities**

There is a list of activities in the packet. Use the one(s) that will help your children understand the lesson.

#### **Memory Verse Activities**

If time permits, sing happy birthday to Jesus and celebrate this special day. Shout for joy for Jesus being born!

#### **Prayer Time**

Pray thanking God for Jesus today. Explain to the kids that our attitudes should be sweet and kind. Compliment good behavior.

#### **Snack Time/CleanUp**

Hey! Have a birthday cake for Jesus. Sing "Happy Birthday" and share in a happy time. Bring your camera if you can or bring party hats or plates!

Planning for December 28th  
The wise men come  
Matthew 2:1-12

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Preschool Lesson for Children  
For  
Jesus is born

Teachers: Today, tell the story from a little lamb's perspective in the barn. Have the animal headband on as you tell it.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm a little lamb. I want to tell you a special story that happened a long, long time ago.

I was in the barn with the other animals. We were eating our hay for supper when I heard the door open. Suddenly, two people came into the barn. It was a man and a woman. The woman was very big. I could tell that she was going to have a baby soon. I wasn't sure why they were sleeping in a barn. The other animals guessed that our master did not have any more rooms in his house.

After a while, all of us settled down to go to sleep. It had been a long day and we were ready for bed.

Suddenly in the middle of the night, I heard an unusual sound. It sounded like someone was hurt. I pricked my ears to listen. The noise was coming from the woman. What could it be?

I looked around and saw that the woman was having a baby! I heard the man call her name. It was Mary. The man's name was Joseph. He was so good to her. He really helped her as she was having the baby.

What I can't wait to tell you is what happened next. The baby was a very special child. When He was born, a bright star suddenly shown above us outside. Then, angels came and sang beautiful songs. It was amazing.

I knew that God had done a miracle that night. He gave us His Son, Jesus. God loved us so much that He sent His Son to help us.

Sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus.

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## Hands-On Activities For Jesus is Born

Tell the story in another way—using candles. The story is included.

There are lots of ideas in the Christmas packet to make mobiles, nativity scenes, Christmas books, as well as lots of pencil activities. Choose those that will help the kids understand the importance of Jesus' birth.

Crumble shredded wheat cereal to resemble hay from a manger.

Copy a picture of the manger scene and cover with contact paper or lamination. Place double stick tape on a picture of baby Jesus. Now let the class try to place baby Jesus in the manger while blindfolded. (Variation of pin the tail on the donkey)

Make a small baby Jesus ornament. Fold the bottom up about an inch of a small paper plate. Fold both sides to the middle leaving the top open. (looks a little like a burrito) Have the child make a face on a 2" pink circle. Glue the circle to the top of the paper plate, peeking between the folds. Hole punch the top of the plate and add a pipe cleaner hanger and there you have it --- Baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes!