



# JESUS IS BORN

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## Concept

God keeps His promises.

## Goal

Children will learn that Jesus came to earth just as God said He would. Because He always keeps His promises, they can always trust what He says.

## Passage

Luke 2:1-20

Key Verse: "You will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:12 (NASB)

## Planning Ahead

Lesson Supplies	Craft Supplies
<p><b>Lesson:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bible in Pictures for Toddlers, Lindvall, pp. 78-85</li> <li>• Read Aloud Bible Stories Vol. 3, Ella K. Lindvall</li> <li>• The Rhyme Bible Storybook for Toddlers, Sattgast, pp. 130-139</li> <li>• The Beginner's Bible, Henley, pp. 272-283</li> <li>• 8.5" x 11" magnetic nativity board &amp; pieces</li> <li>• Nativity bendable figures</li> <li>• Nativity puppets (*limited number: 1 set per location)</li> <li>• <i>Laminated, magnet-backed figures of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Mary riding donkey</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Craft #1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Printed drawing of nativity</li> <li>• Star stickers, several/child</li> <li>• Crayons</li> </ul> <p><b>Craft #2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Printed drawing of baby Jesus</li> <li>• Crayons</li> </ul> <p><b>Craft #3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God Keeps His Promises card [1]</li> <li>• Crayons</li> </ul> <p><b>Craft #4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Printed drawing of manger, donkey and Mary</li> <li>• Baby Jesus on 3¼" x 2" oval stickers</li> <li>• Crayons</li> </ul> <p>[1] To fold craft in automatic paper folder set at Gate Fold, Fold 1=71, Fold 2=136.5</p>

### \*TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE

For clarity, the italicized areas in the Planning Ahead section indicate supplies that are in—and should be returned to—your classroom SHARED SUPPLY bag.

# Background Information/Teacher Helps

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"It is the fulfillment of specific detailed prophecies that provides the Bible with its divine seal—a seal that can never be counterfeited, since it is affixed to the truth which it attests, namely, that God's foreknowledge of the actions of free and intelligent agents is one of the most 'incomprehensible attributes of Deity and is exclusively a Divine perfection.' We readily concede that the prophets themselves may not have understood the full import of the predictions they gave when they pictured beforehand the expected Messiah, yet the language they used could not refer to anyone else in history. It was thus that Paul was able to persuade the Jews that Jesus was the predicted One 'out of the prophets' (Acts 28:23).

"The drama of fulfilled prophecy is most evident in connection with the birth of Jesus, the details of which were exactly accomplished when He was born of Mary. Men must be blind if they cannot see that the identification between the One predicted and the One presented is most positive and complete. 'Then said the Lord unto me, . . . I watch over my word to perform it.' (Jer 1:12, R.V.). Thus having spoken, and guarding all, He inspired the prophets to set forth the truth carefully and accurately, for nothing short of absolute accuracy will suffice in the fulfillment of all He spoke concerning the Son He promised to send into the world."<sup>1</sup>

The Bible certainly does have a "divine seal—a seal that can never be counterfeited." That the prophecies were totally and accurately fulfilled is compelling evidence that God's word is the one and only truth.

Additional Reading: Micah 5:2; Luke 2:25-36

<sup>1</sup> All the Messianic Prophecies of the Bible, Herbert Lockyer, 1973, Zondervan Publishing House, p. 59.

## Prayer

Pray for the children, w/your team before class, during the week.  
Pray simple short prayers with the children.

## Lesson Lg. Group

### “Baby Jesus”

#### Main Points:

- God’s promises are in the Bible (show the children your Bible)
- God's angel told Mary she would have a baby and would name him Jesus.
- Jesus was born in a barn where animals lived.
- God keeps His promises! God promised Jesus would come and He did.
- Jesus came to earth because He loves us.

## Activities Lg. Group

#### • Manipulative – Nativity Scene

- **Instructions:** Set up the nativity and allow the children to play with it. Ask the children if they know who the people are. Why are they in a stable with animals?

#### • Role Play

- **Instructions:** Use the puppets and bendable nativity figures to re-enact Jesus’ birth.

## Craft #1

### Color page – Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus

**Instructions:** Give each child a coloring page and some stickers. Color the picture and put some stars in the sky. Talk with the children about God’s promise to send Jesus.

## Craft #2

### Color page – Baby Jesus

**Instructions:** Color the picture of baby Jesus and talk with the children about God’s promise to send Jesus.

## Craft #3

### Color card – God Keeps His Promises

**Instructions:** Give each child a folded card. Color the picture of Angel Gabriel and the block letters if they want. Talk with the children about God’s promise to send Jesus.

## Craft #4

### Color page – You will find a baby...

**Instructions:** Color the picture and give each child a sticker of baby Jesus to put in the manger. Talk with the children about God’s promise to send Jesus.