

Lesson 107: The Messiah Is Born

[Luke 2:1-20](#); [Hebrews 1:1-4](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/pQpUDI4HGiy>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/241wlyYXKUM>

Worship Theme: Jesus is born.

Memory Verse: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2:11)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Silent Night <https://youtu.be/2tmj1KqH-UQ>
2. Hark the Herald Angels Sing <https://youtu.be/YdKI42L8W3o>
3. Greeting Song https://youtu.be/K72xD0x_cyg

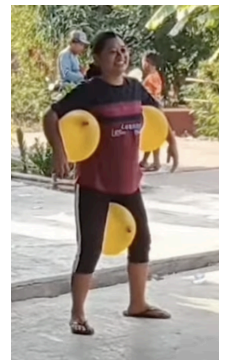
Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Walking with Balloons"

Materials Needed: balloons, chair

1. Divide the children into 2 groups.
2. Place a chair at the end of the classroom.
3. Give 3 balloons to each child and have them put the balloons under their arms and one in between the legs.
4. They have to walk to the chair at the end of the classroom and give the balloon to the teacher.
5. If they drop the balloon, they cannot pick it up and will lose points.
6. The team with most number of balloon wins the game.
7. After the game, ask the children if it was easy to walk with 3 balloons on them. When Mary was pregnant with Jesus, it was very difficult to walk and sleep and do daily things in her life. But she gave birth to Jesus because Jesus is our Savior.



Introduction:

Today we're celebrating Jesus' birth because it's almost Christmas. Jesus came into the world because God loved the world so much that he sent Jesus to show everyone in the world what God is like. We came here today to celebrate God's love and Jesus' birth. It's important to remember that Christmas is about celebrating Christ's birth.

Bible Story:

Mary and Joseph lived in the town of Nazareth in Galilee. But Caesar Augustus wanted a census to be taken of the entire Roman world. During this time, Israel was under the Roman government. This meant everyone had to travel to their hometown to register their family. This meant Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem the town of David, because they belonged to the house and line of David.

This was not an easy travel for Mary and Joseph because Mary was pregnant. When they reached Bethlehem, Jesus was born in a barn where animals live and placed in a manger which is a wooden container to put food for the animals. This was because there was no guest room available for them. Jesus is the King of kings, the Lord of lords, but he was born in a very humble place. God sent his one and only Son, Jesus, into the world to for us. Jesus was born to save you, to give you life, and to help you. But he did not choose to be born in a palace or a castle. He was born in a place that was very close to people.

In fact, the first group of people who learned of the birth of Jesus, the Messiah, was shepherds. During this time, shepherds were not important people. But an angel from God appeared to the shepherds, who were lowly people, to tell them about Jesus.

God does not care about how wealthy or poor people are. He is always looking for humble people who know they need God in their lives. Do you need Jesus in your life? Would you like to have Jesus in your life? Then be glad because Jesus is born! He came to save you and help you! Let's celebrate the birth of Jesus on this Christmas!

Questions to discuss:

1. Where did Mary and Joseph have to go to register their family? (Bethlehem)
2. Where was Jesus born? (In a barn and placed in a manger because there was no guest room)
3. Why did God send the angel to the shepherd to tell the Good News of the birth of Jesus instead of the king or the religious leaders? (Because the shepherds were humble and knew they needed Jesus)
4. How can you celebrate the birth of Jesus? (let the children answer)

Game: "Balloon Train"

Materials Needed: Balloons



1. Divide the children into 2-3 groups.
2. Have one child from each group stand at the end of the classroom holding all the balloons for their group.
3. Let the first child from each group run to the end of the classroom and get a balloon. Then, they will put the balloon in between the next person and run to get another balloon. Do this until everyone joins the group with balloons in between them.



4. After the game, explain to the children that it was not easy for Jesus to be born into this world, but with the help of many people, his birth was celebrated!



Memory Verse:

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."
(Luke 2:11)

Craft: "Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come"

Materials Needed: Craft printout (see below), crayons, scissors, glue

1. Have the children color the printout.
2. Have them cut out everything and fold / glue the envelope.
3. Glue the paper that says "Joy to the world, the Lord has come" to the front of the envelope.
4. Glue the star on the top of the envelope.
5. Put baby Jesus into the envelope and hang this anywhere in the house to remind ourselves that Jesus is born to save us and to help us!



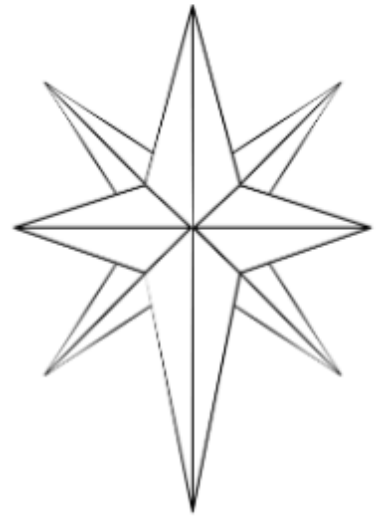
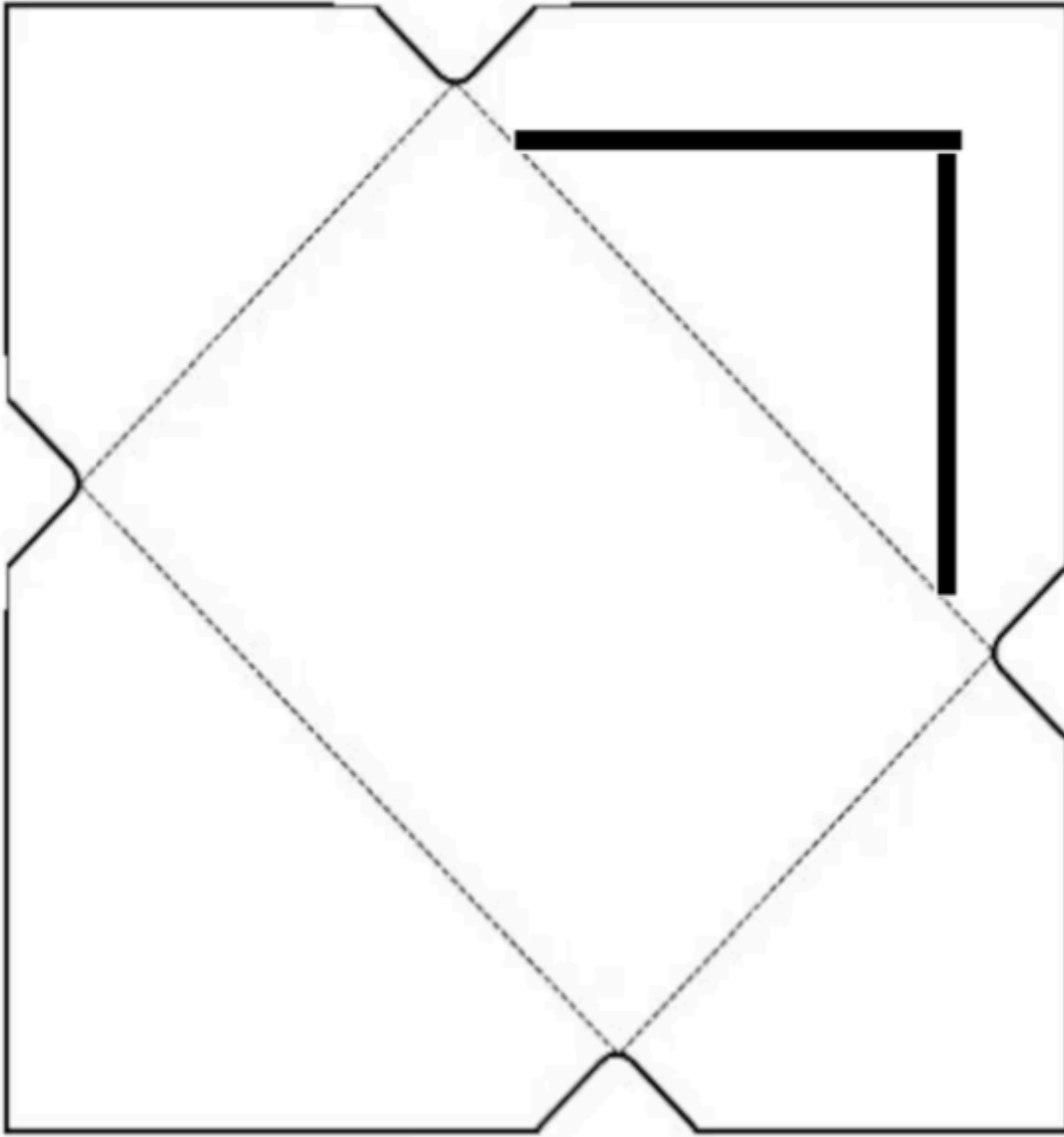
Song: Select songs from the list above


Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Jesus was and always will be the best Christmas gift ever! Reread Hebrews 1:1-4 as a way to celebrate the truth of Christmas. No matter what you think of Christmas, when you make Jesus the focus, it becomes the best holiday ever. Is Christmas a happy time for you? Jesus' presence can make you even happier. Is Christmas a sad time for you? Jesus can fill the void you feel at this time of year. Share the truth of Jesus with someone else today. Jesus is the gift that keeps on giving!

Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come!



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