

Toddler pack

Ages 0 - 5



- Session guide
- Activity 1: Colouring sheet
- Activity 2: Spot the difference
- Activity 3: Craft - ornament making
- Activity 4: Journey to Bethlehem obstacle course
- Prayer prompts

Objective:

To see Jesus as God's greatest gift to us

Outline:

- Pray
- Read the story (4 mins)
- Play the song: hand out percussion instruments for the children to use while they're listening
- Ask the questions (2 mins) - do as many pages as you want depending on the ages of the children. Or just jump straight to the summary questions!
- Complete the craft/activities

Opening prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for a chance to learn more about you today, about how you gave us the greatest gift of your only Son, sending him to earth as a baby! Would hearing this true story from the Bible teach us to know your love for us and accept the gift of Jesus. Amen.

Songs:

Seeds Kids Christmas Worship

Check out the [playlist here](#) with a variety of songs and carols



Pages 1 - 2

- **Who are the two characters we meet?** *Mary and Joseph*

Pages 3 - 6

- **Who told Mary that she would have a baby?** *The angel Gabriel, God's messenger*
- **What was that baby going to be?** *A **saviour** sent from God to rescue everyone from the wrong in the world and in us.*

Pages 7 - 8

- **What did Caesar want everyone to do?** *Go to their hometown to be counted*
- **Where did Mary and Joseph travel to?** *Bethlehem. It would take them three whole days to walk there!*

Pages 9 - 12

- **Age 4+ What do you think Immanuel means?** *God with us - Jesus was God in human form!* (Explain if the children are too young)
- **What was Jesus laid in after He was born?** *A manger (used to feed animals)*

Pages 13 - 16

- **Who did the angels appear to next?** *The shepherds*
- **Should the shepherds be afraid? No! Why not?** *The angel said to have great joy because God has sent the promised baby*

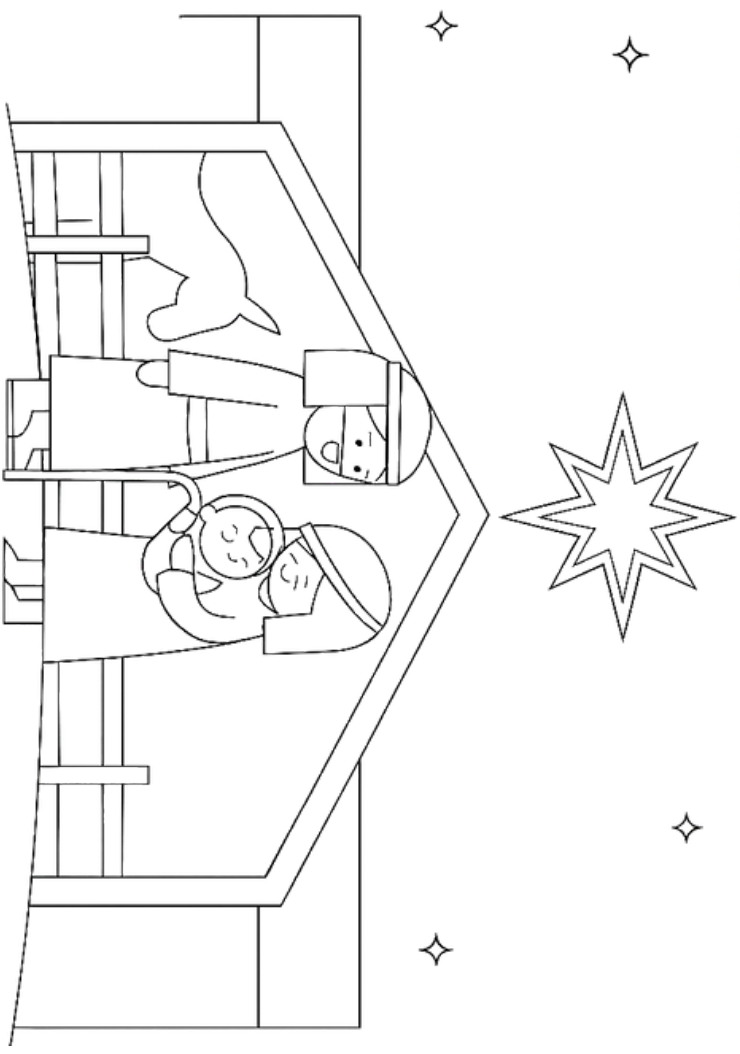
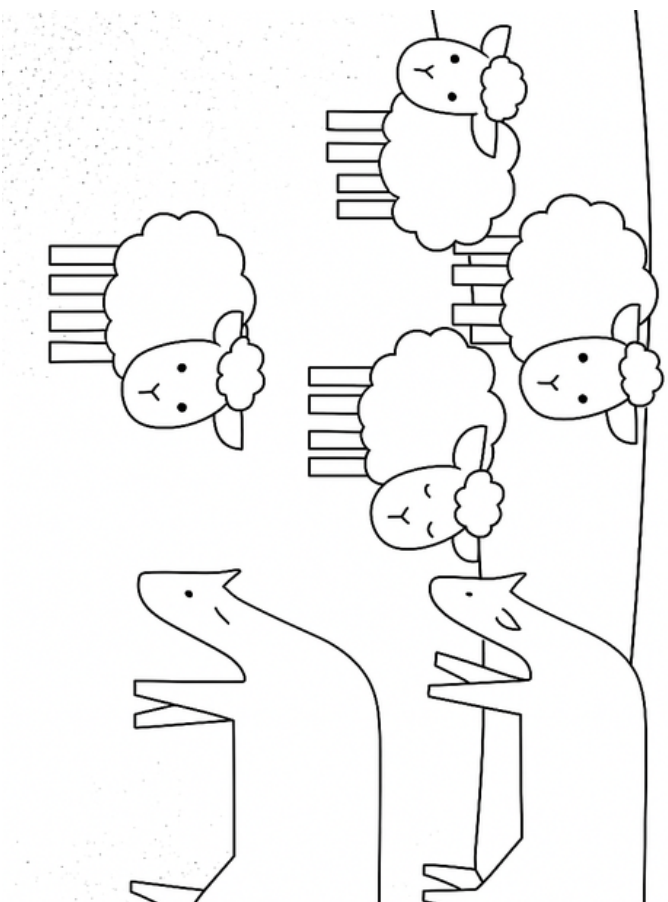
Pages 17 - 20

- **Age 4+ Was Jesus a baby when the wise men came?** *No! He was a toddler*
- **What gifts did the wise men bring?** *Gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Explain: gifts for Jesus who was a **Priest**, a **King**, and a **Saviour***

Summary:

- **Who is the biggest gift anyone can get?** *Jesus, who rescues us*
- **Why did God give him to us?** *Because God loved us*
- **How do we get the gift of Jesus?** *By accepting and believing that you need to be saved and that Jesus is God who came to save you.*

While in Bethlehem,
Mary gave birth
to Jesus, Immanuel.
God with us on earth.



This fulfilled the Old Testament prophecy about the Messiah:
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him *Immanuel*!



Virgin = Mary



Son = Jesus



Immanuel = "God with us"

Find the 5 differences



Find the 5 differences

1. The arrow on the sign is pointing in a different direction
2. There are no stars in the second picture
3. The second shepherd's belt is a different colour
4. There is one extra sheep in the second picture
5. One of the sheep has pink spots in the second picture

The Greatest Gift Ornament/Mobile

You'll need:

- Copies of attached sheet
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Hole puncher
- Yarn or string

Baby Jesus Ornament/Mobile



Jesus is Savior
He was sent by
God to save us!

Jesus is God's Son
He is fully God,
and came to
earth as a baby.

Jesus is King
He reigns over
us and is
perfect.

Preparation:

- Make copies of the attached sheet for children.
- Have children colour the picture of baby Jesus and circles.
- Depending upon the age of your children, you can cut out the circles in advance, or have the children cut their one large and three small circles.
- Use the hole puncher to punch out the small dark dots on the large circle and three smaller circles.
- Add a small string to the top of the picture of baby Jesus. Attach the small circles to the large circle with string/yarn, making a mobile or ornament that children can hang at home.



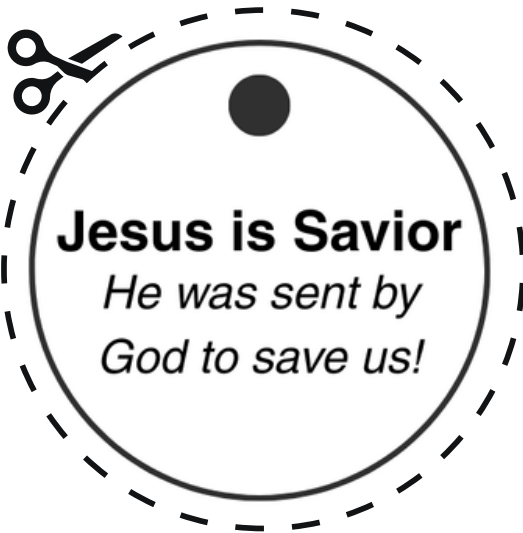
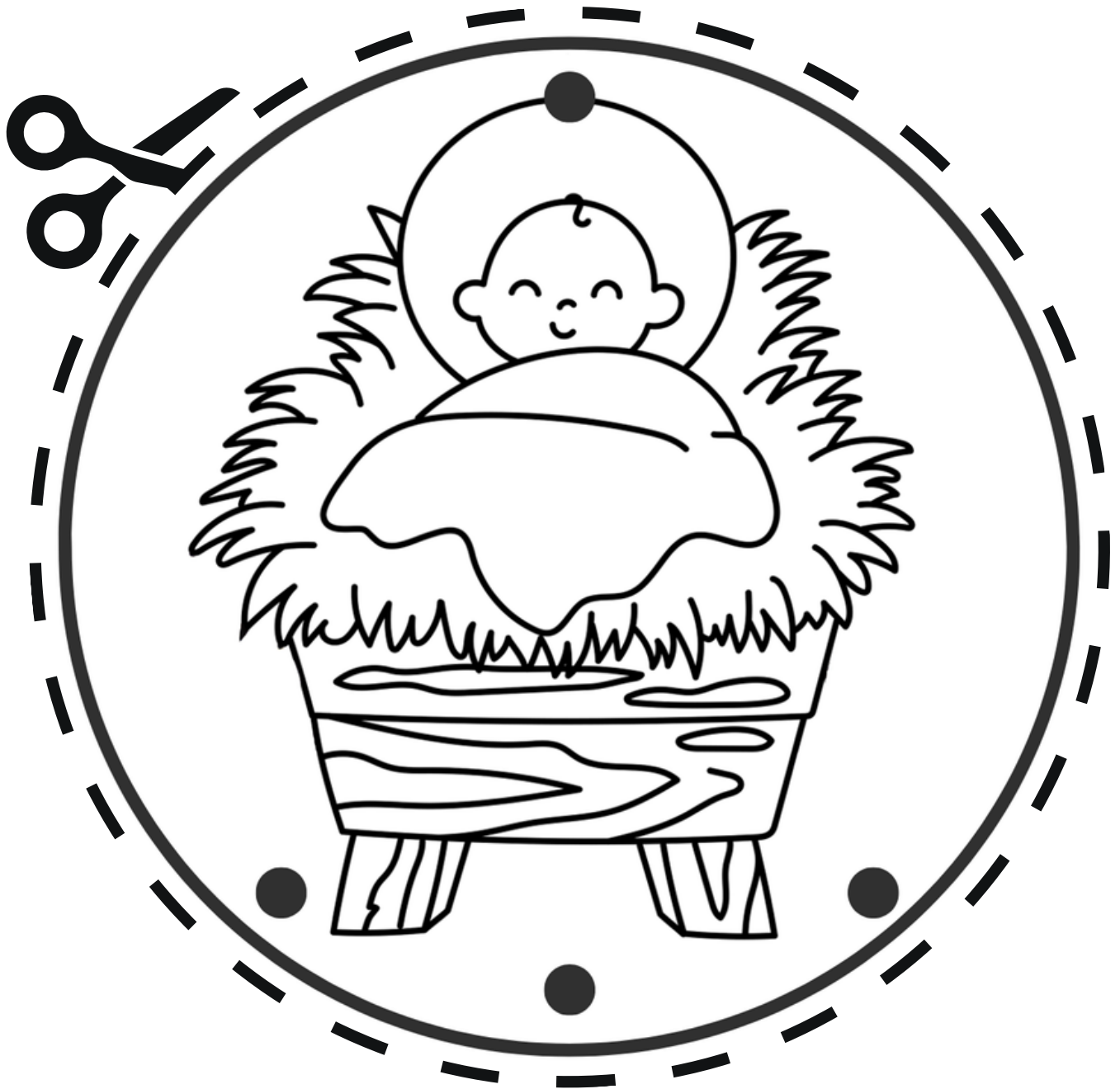
Craft cut out with strings



Finished product! Hang on the fridge, in the window, or on tree.



Baby Jesus Ornament/Mobile



Journey to Bethlehem

Obstacle course activity with sweets/snacks: Set up a path with cushions, tunnels, and boxes to “travel” over or around. Tell the story while you go: it focuses on Jesus being the greatest gift. End at a “stable” tent or blanket fort with a baby doll at the end/biscuits!

You'll need:

- Blanket
- Cushions
- Chairs (drape blankets over to create a tunnel)
- Baby doll
- Biscuits wrapped up like a present
- A star / cutout of a star to hang above the makeshift stable
- Any other fun obstacles you can think of according to the appropriate level of difficulty (cones/bean bags to weave around, a hoop to step in, etc)
- Paper crowns



Play this
song as
you go!

Set up:

Create a fun obstacle course trail around the room ending in a makeshift stable (e.g. blanket draped over some chairs). Put the baby doll and wrapped biscuits in the stable. Hang a star over the top of the stable.

Narration:

Do you remember from the story that the wise men took a long journey to go and find Jesus, God's greatest gift. Let's go and find the baby Jesus, like they did!

Put the crowns on the children, get them to **line up** behind you
Play music

Journey to Bethlehem

Narration cont:

Follow me, wise men!

Complete the first two obstacles and then stop (stop the music).

Wise men, who are we travelling to see? Baby Jesus! Who is Jesus? God's greatest gift. Let's keep going.

Start the music, **complete the next few obstacles** then stop.

Can you see a big yellow star? Yes. Can you see the baby Jesus? There he is! Why did God give us Jesus? To save us from all the wrong inside of us that separates us from God. Now that Jesus has come we can be friends with God again.

Ask one of the children to see what Jesus is holding (the biscuits). Ask another to go and get it and unwrap it. **Give out the biscuits** and explain:

God gives us the greatest gift - better than biscuits or chocolate or any toy, he gives us the baby Jesus who makes us friends with God again.

For giving us the
best gift: Jesus
who saves us



Thank you

For coming to
make us
friends with
you again

For thinking other
gifts are better than
Jesus



Sorry

For all the wrong
things in us that
separate us from you,
God

Help us accept and
believe in Jesus and
enjoy being friends
with you again.



Please