



# Twos

December 1-2 and 8-9, 2012

DATE

Beginner's Bible (pg. 272-277 "The Most Special Baby")

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus is Born

LESSON TITLE

Everybody celebrate—Jesus is here!

MAIN POINT

## schedule

This is a recommended schedule. You can adjust, but do make time for the lesson and the activity!

15 minutes	Check in and play time
5 minutes	Clean up toys
10 minutes	Prayer/sing/snack
5 minutes	Lesson/story time
10 minutes	Lesson activity/craft
5 minutes	Song time
10 minutes	Play and clean up time

\* We have those industrial bubble machines for a reason! Use them to help kids acclimate in the first 5-10 minutes.

## tips

Keep Play-Doh confined to one table/area and have a volunteer stationed in that area while it's being used. Kids should only use Play-Doh while seated at a table.

## check-in/out

As kids check out, think of one really positive each one did or positive character each one displayed. Tell their parents about it!

## large group heads up

Today, we are celebrating that Jesus was born. And we're singing happy birthday to him!



## instructions

**Goal:** to help kids learn the story of Jesus' birth through dramatic play

**Why?** Kids will remember that Christmas is Jesus' birthday and know the story of his birth from a young age

**Tip:** After you let the kids reenact part of the story (see activity below), sing and dance and celebrate. Communicate how exciting Jesus' birth really is!

## QUESTIONS

The goal of the activities is to provide experiences to help the kids grasp the main concept of the story. So really focus on the fact that Jesus is here!

## ACTIVITY

To help kids understand the story, act it out. Let kids take turns holding "baby Jesus" and laying him gently in the manger. As they lay Jesus down, remind them to say, "Happy birthday, Jesus!"

## QUESTIONS

## ACTIVITY



## special notes

Jesus is born—it's a celebration! Feel free to add songs and really make today exciting for the kids.

## presenter tips

Remember—you set the tone for the whole room. The kids will only have fun if you do! So make sure you smile--and smile a lot! Seriously, have fun and the kids will have fun. Be friendly and engage them with lots of smiles. Did we forget to mention to smile??

## script

Presenter: Hold up the Bible and ask, "Does anyone know what this is?" That's right! It's a Bible. And the Bible is a very special book because God gave it to us. And the best part? It's all true!

We're getting close to December...and Christmas! Does anybody know why we celebrate Christmas? It's Jesus' birthday! Today, we're going to hear about when Jesus was born.

Read pages 273-277 in The Beginner's Bible ("The Most Special Baby")

Mary and Joseph took a trip. Everybody stand up! Let's walk in place...now jog...now march...now tiptoe...(model each for the kids—feel free to be creative and add some silly walks to make this fun)

Whew! I'm tired. Let's have a seat. Since Mary and Joseph couldn't find a place to sleep, baby Jesus was born outside with the animals! (Like the ones on the kids' coloring page. If kids seem engaged, point that out and make some animal noises.) Jesus didn't have a bed. He was laid in a manger filled with hay. (Gently place the doll into the manger.)

Shhhhh! (pretend the baby is asleep—the whispering will catch their attention) *Jesus the king and rescuer had arrived. This was GREAT NEWS!* (Gather all the kids around the manger.) Let's cheer together and say, "Jesus is here!" (Model and let kids respond).

Since Christmas is Jesus' birthday, let's sing happy birthday to Jesus. (Sing "Happy Birthday.")

Great job! Now let's thank God for sending Jesus.

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for baby Jesus! We love you! A-men.





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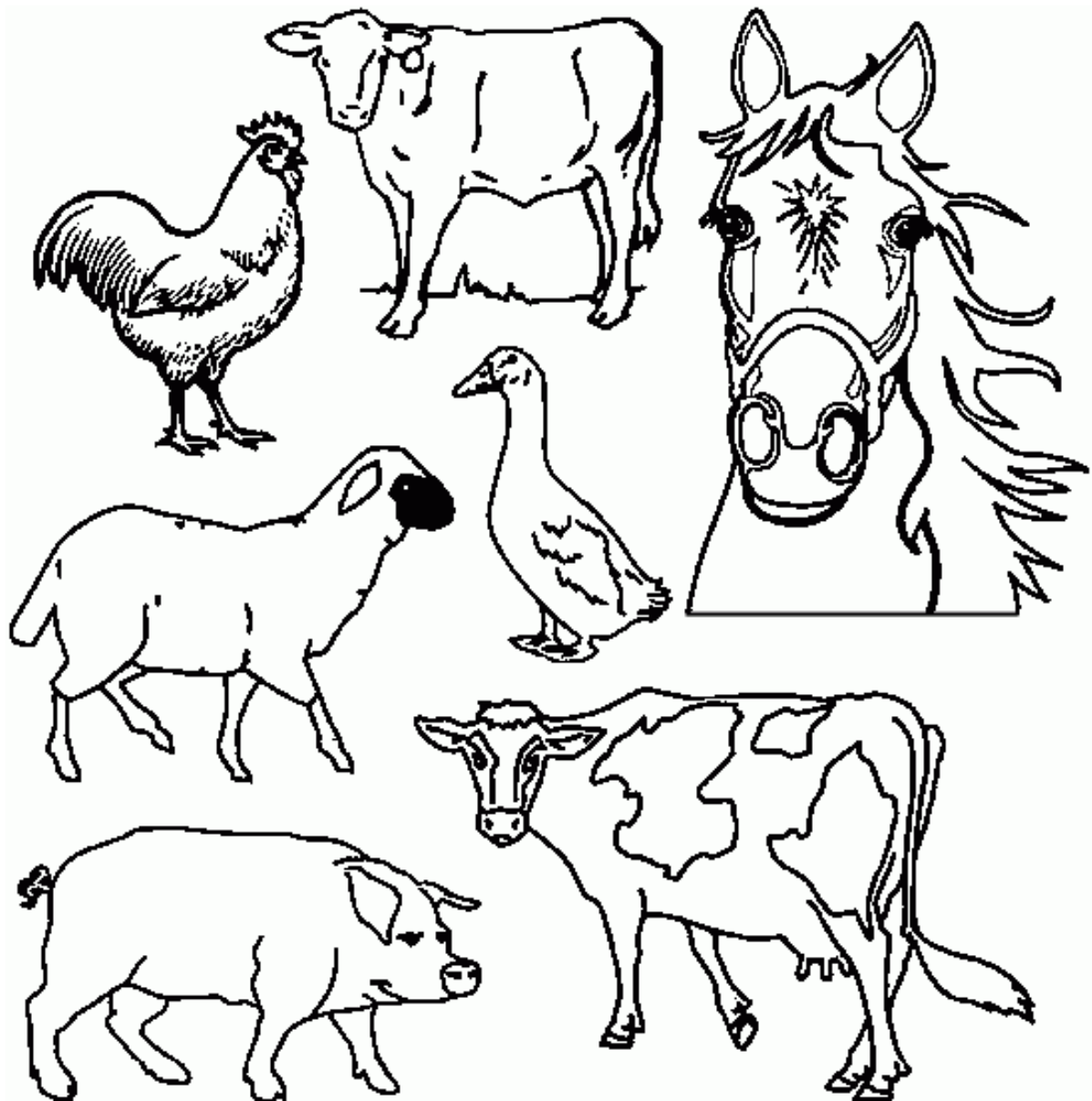
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# PREP needs



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## small group supplies

Coloring pages  
One megaphone (any style)

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## large group supplies

Beginner's Bible  
"Manger" (basket or crate) filled with hay  
Doll wrapped in white blanket

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## a/v needs

Kids' Club Volume 3 CD

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## special room set-up

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## connect questions

Where was Jesus born?

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## parent page

We talked about how baby Jesus was born outside with animals and slept in a manger instead of a bed. Then we sang happy birthday to Jesus! We acted part of this story out too, to help us remember it. You can read it together in Luke 2:1-21 in the Bible.