



Twos

December 2016

DATE

Jesus is born.

LESSON TITLE

Beginner's Bible (pp. 271-276)

WHERE TO FIND IT

The rescuer 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

tips

You may have a kid who is especially upset and won't calm down, but before calling the parents, you've got options! Try calling the Welcome Desk or Info Center and see if someone can take the kid on a fuss bus ride through the hallways. You could also turn the bubble machine on, play some music or do an activity from the lesson individually with the kid.

check-in/out

As you check in kids, be sure to ask parents if their kids are potty-trained or are working on it. And so you know - if there is an "accident" we've got some clothes available to send them home in.

Not sure where to find clothes? Call the Info Center to have someone help you. The number should be posted in your room.

large group heads up

It's time to celebrate Jesus' birth! Today we want kids to grasp that Christmas is about our rescuer coming to the world by being born as a baby, just like the rest of us. It's all about celebration!



instructions

Goal: Help kids understand God's story in a language they understand.

Why? We want kids to believe that God loves them, and a great way to do that is to help them experience stories about how much he loves us!

Tip: Two year olds are constantly soaking up information! Repeat the phrase "Christmas is Jesus' birthday!" or "Happy Birthday Jesus!" several times throughout the day, like when they're cleaning up, or when they need to share a toy.

small group

ACTIVITY 1

- **Supplies needed: baby doll, basket**
- Have kids take turns holding "baby Jesus" (a baby doll) and then putting him in "a manger" (a basket).
- As they hold baby Jesus, reread the story from the Beginner's Bible (pp. 271-276), and remind them that Christmas is Jesus Birthday!

ACTIVITY 2

- **Supplies needed: coloring page and crayons**
- Hand each kid a coloring page! As kids color their page, ask:
 - Who was born on Christmas? (Jesus!)
 - Is Jesus our rescuer? (Yes!)

special notes

Make sure you have the baby doll and basket prepared to use for Large Group.

presenter tips

Sometimes it's helpful to move the tables around in a room to help capture two year olds' attention! For example, you can separate two tables and stand in the middle, so that everyone's eyes are directed at you automatically.

script

INTRO

Hi everybody! It's so good to see you today. This is the Bible, and it's a very special book! (Show the Bible to kids) It's all about God, and how much he loves us. God loves me (Point to yourself) and God loves you! (Point to kids) **Today we'll see how our rescuer, Jesus, was born!**

We have a special day coming up called...Christmas! Can you say, "Christmas"? (Let kids respond.) Good job! Christmas is the day that our rescuer, Jesus, was born! Let's read a story out of the Bible to see what happened.

Beginner Bible: Read pages 271-276

ENGAGE

First, Mary and Joseph took a trip. Everybody stand up, and let's pretend to take a trip! Let's walk in place...now run...now march...now tip toe! (Demonstrate for kids and add your own silly walks.) Good job everybody! Let's sit down.

Mary and Joseph needed a place to sleep for the night, but they couldn't find a room anywhere! (Act sad and disappointed.) But guess what? God gave them a place to stay, in a barn with the animals! Can you imagine sleeping with barn animals? Let's all make some animal noises. Can you be a...cow? ("Moo" along with kids.) Can you be a duck? ("Quack" along with kids.) Can you be a pig? ("Oink" along with kids.) Good job.

Guess what happened next? Baby Jesus was born! Let's watch a video and see more about how Jesus came into the world!

Video: Jesus is Born



script continued

He was a tiny baby, just like you and me, when we were little. Jesus didn't have a bed to sleep in, so he slept in a manger (**Place the baby doll in the basket to show what a manger is like.**) The baby is sleeping now (whisper as you say this.) Can you all go "ssssh" (Let kids respond.) Good job!

Let's do something special to celebrate that Christmas is Jesus' birthday! We're going to sing "Happy Birthday" to him. Ready? (Sing Happy Birthday along with kids.) Good job everybody.

PRAY

Dear God. Thank you for sending baby Jesus to rescue us. We love you so much. Amen!

PREP needs



connect time supplies

No Connect Time for Twos

small group supplies

Per kid: coloring sheet

Per room: Beginner's Bible, crayons, baby doll, basket

large group supplies

Per room: The Beginner's Bible, baby doll, basket, DVD

a/v needs

- CD player and any Kids' Club CD
- "Jesus is Born" DVD (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRt8RGwLVDw>)

connect questions

Tell me about Jesus!

name

