

CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity – Celebrating Our Catholic Faith Religious Education Lesson Plan Helpers by Laura Grace

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The Birth of Jesus

Review:

Questions from last week's lesson.

Vocabulary: (Write the bold words on the board and discuss with students).

Expecting- going to have a baby soon

Emperor- the male ruler of a group of nations or states

Register- a book containing a written list or record of names

Taxed- a payment toward the running of a country

Journey- a long trip or adventure

Bethlehem- a small town in Israel where Jesus was born (show students this on a map or have one of the students find it on a map).

Inn- like a hotel where you can sleep and eat

Stable- where they keep animals

Manger- a trough where animals eat out of

Flocks- group of something

Plan:

1. Read story "Birth of Jesus" from your own story book. While reading the story do cut outs (Snip-And-Tell Bible Stories by Karyn Henley, page 61 - 67) as the story unfolds. Then ask questions from below.

1. What town was Jesus born in? Bethlehem.
2. Where was it that there was no room? The inn.
3. Where was Jesus born? In a stable.
4. Who did the angels tell that the Son of God had been born in a stable in Bethlehem? Shepherds.

2. Introduce craft: Where was Jesus born? In a stable.

Christmas Nativity- <http://www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/christmas/crafts.htm>

Stable background-

<http://www.msssbible.com/devotions/adventtreasurehunt/advent8.htm>

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Directions: Print out Christmas Nativity and stable background for students. Have students color Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, and the lamb and cut out. Glue characters on stable background.

Or

Paper Bag Manger Scene- Preschool Christian Crafts by Linda Standke, page 49 - 52

3. Introduce game: What do we decorate just before Christmas and put our gifts under? Christmas tree

Christmas Tree Relay- The Really Big Book of Bible Games, page 138

4. Puzzles & Mazes, Worksheets, etc.

More 365 Activities for Kids (do any of the birth of Jesus puzzles, mazes, dot-to-dot, spot the difference, etc. from July 29 – August 2).

The Birth of Jesus- Number each picture as it happened in the story. Then color the pictures.

http://www.comingtofaith.com/pdf/grade1/4301-W_042.pdf

The Birth of Jesus (maze)- http://www.sermons4kids.com/manger_maze.htm

5. Introduce snack: Where was baby Jesus laid into?

Edible Manger- <http://www.dltk-kids.com/recipesdb/view.asp?rid=289>

Away in a Manger- <http://www.gbqm-umc.org/marshltn/VBSsnack.html#Manger>

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