



# Preschool Lesson



## The Perfect Present



### Whatchagaddaknow:

"Jesus Is The Greatest Gift To The World!"



### Power Verse:

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

– John 3:16

## Before the Lesson

- \* Collect the items for the activities you plan to use, referring to the Classroom Supplies and Lesson Manual Supplies listed in the chart.
- \* Pray for your students and for God's direction in teaching the class.

## This Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Classroom Supplies	Lesson Manual Supplies
Bible Story – This week, the kids will learn from the story of Jesus coming to Earth as a baby (Luke 2:4-20).		Bible Story Pictures (pg. 5-8)
Hands-On-Learning – The kids will learn that Jesus coming to Earth was a gift for everyone.	Wrapped Christmas Gift	
Craft Option #1 – Bible Story Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 9)
Craft Option #2 - Jesus In A Manger Craft	Crayons or markers, glue, scissors	Jesus In A Manger Craft Print Piece (pg. 10)
Craft Option #3 – Christmas Celebrates Jesus Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Christmas Celebrates Jesus Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 11)



# **Bible Story**

**Supplies Needed:** Bible Story Pictures (provided on pg. 5-8)

**Teacher Instruction:** Before class begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. Have the children gathered around so they can see the pictures.

**Say-** Today's Bible story starts with a group of shepherds taking care of their sheep out in the middle of a field late at night. *(show pic)* It was a quiet, normal night until...

**Say-** *(show pic)* Suddenly, up in the sky, there appeared a huge group of bright, shining angels. They spoke to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid. We bring you good news that will bring great joy to ALL people.” The shepherds were amazed by what they saw.

**Say-** Then, the angels began to sing, “Glory to God in the highest.” They told the shepherds all about the baby, Jesus, who had just been born in the town of Bethlehem. This baby, Jesus, was the Son of God who had come to Earth to take away the sins of all people.

**Say-** Then, just as quickly as the angels had appeared, they disappeared. The shepherds didn't know what to make of all of this. *(show pic)*

**Say-** They looked at each other and said, “Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened!” They ran as fast as they could until they reached the town of Bethlehem.

**Say-** The shepherds went straight to the stable where Mary and Joseph were. Mary and Joseph had to stay in the stable because there was no room in the inn. *(show pic)*

**Say-** The shepherds gathered all around Jesus, the Savior of the world, and worshiped Him.

**Say-** The shepherds learned that day that that God sent His Son to the world so that everyone can be saved from their sins.

**Say-** On that very first Christmas Day, God gave the greatest gift that ever could be given. He gave His Son, Jesus, to the world. What a wonderful Christmas gift!

**Pray**



# **Hands-On Learning**

*Supplies Needed: Wrapped Christmas gift*

*Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, gather classroom materials. Have the children gathered around so they can see any illustration materials.*

**Say-** Merry Christmas, everyone! Who loves Christmas?

**-Allow time for responses-**

**Say-** Me too! One of my favorite things about Christmas is... presents! *(Hold up the wrapped gift)* Can anyone guess what might be inside this gift?

**-Allow time for response-**

**Say-** We love giving and getting presents because they show love and make us happy. But today, I want to tell you about the most amazing present ever—a gift that’s better than any toy, game, or stuffed animal.

**Say-** This gift didn’t come in a box with wrapping paper like this one. *(Shake the box playfully.)* This gift came from God. Do you know what it is?

**-Allow time for responses-**

**Say-** It’s JESUS! God sent His Son Jesus as the perfect present for you and me!

**Say-** Why is Jesus the perfect present? Because He came to forgive us when we do wrong things. We call those wrong things sin. Jesus loves us so much that He wanted to take away all the bad things and give us a clean heart. How amazing is that?

**Say-** But that’s not all! Jesus is a gift that lasts forever. *(Hold up the gift again)*

**Ask-** Have you ever had a toy break or get lost?

**-Allow time for responses-**

**Say-** Oh no! That’s so sad. Earthly gifts like toys can break, but guess what? Jesus never breaks, never gets lost, and never goes away. He’s with us forever!

**Say-** Jesus came to be with us and show us how much God loves us. Because of Jesus, we can be forgiven and live with Him forever in heaven. Isn’t that the best present ever?

**Say-** Let’s say this together: “Jesus is the greatest gift to the world!” *(Repeat a few times with enthusiasm)*



## **Craft #1: Bible Story Coloring Page**

**Supplies Needed:** Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 9); Crayons or markers

**Teacher Instruction:** Before class begins, print the Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

**How To Do Craft** - Kids can color freely as they choose.



## **Craft #2: Jesus In A Manger Craft**

**Supplies Needed:** Jesus In A Manger Craft Print Piece (provided on pg. 10); Crayons or markers; Glue; Scissors

**Teacher Instruction:** Before class begins, print the Jesus In A Manger Craft Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough craft pages and craft sticks for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for crafting.

**How To Do Craft** - Allow the kids to decorate the craft page using crayons or markers. Cut along the dotted line to remove the lower half of the page, then cut out the picture of baby Jesus. Use the glue to attach Jesus to the manger. As you help the kids with the craft, talk about how Jesus is the greatest gift ever!



## **Craft #3: Christmas Celebrates Jesus Coloring Page**

**Supplies Needed:** Christmas Celebrates Jesus Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 11); Crayons or markers

**Teacher Instruction:** Before class begins, print the Christmas Celebrates Jesus Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

**How To Do Craft** - Kids can color freely as they choose.









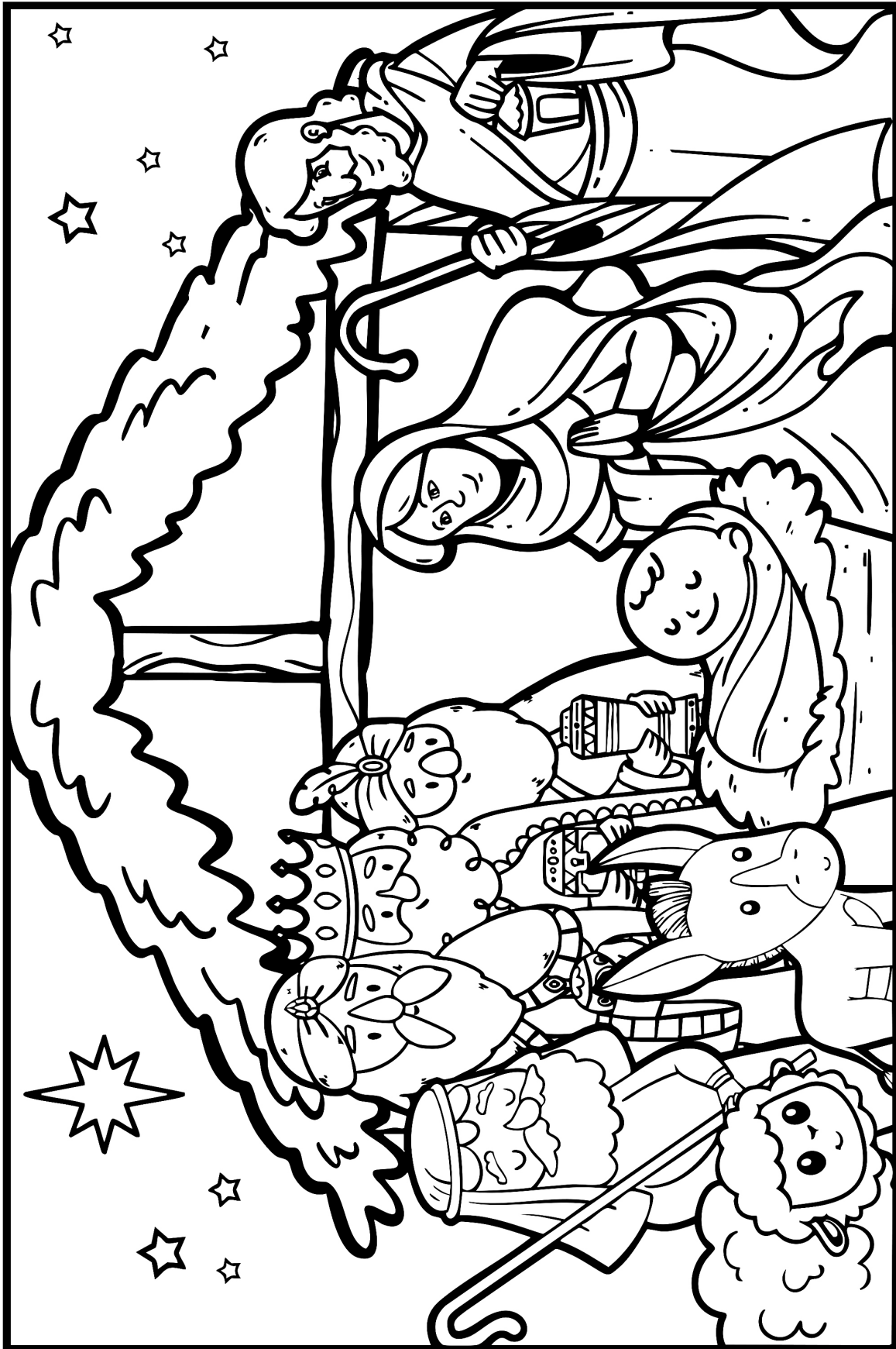










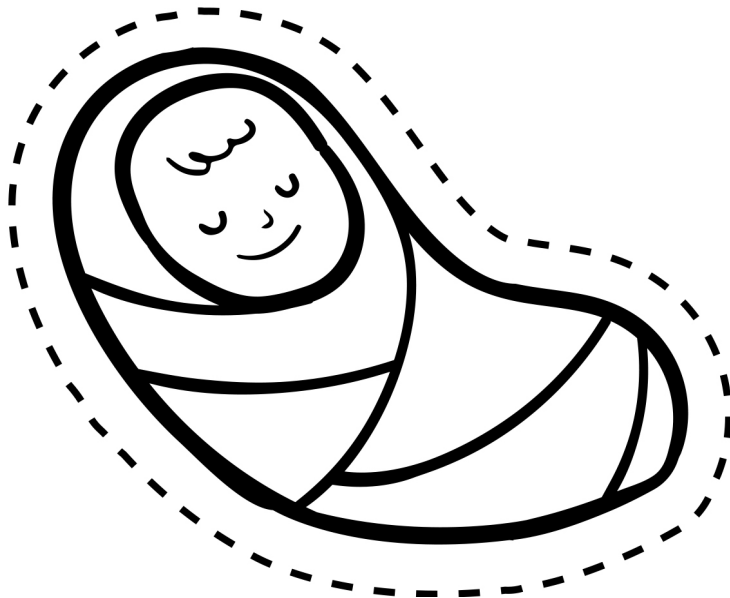


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**CHRISTMAS IS FOR CELEBRATING JESUS!**