

**The Nativity of Jesus**

**Bible Story Lesson Plan (Ages 2-6)**

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| **Books** | **Read and reread the story of the nativity of Jesus:**   * [**King James Version of the Nativity**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5m7P2KoYGgvaG9HQ2FaUkFPZ0E/view?usp=sharing) * Other children’s books about Daniel   + [**Toddler’s Version of the Nativity**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5m7P2KoYGgvVGp2NDh5ODdCQVU/view?usp=sharing)   + [**The Nativity**](http://www.amazon.com/Nativity-Géraldine-Elschner/dp/9888240463/ref=sr_1_5?ie=UTF8&qid=1443207017&sr=8-5&keywords=The+nativity+for+children) **by Geraldine Elschner and Giotoo di Bondone**   + [**The Christmas Story for Children**](http://www.amazon.com/Christmas-Story-Children-Max-Lucado/dp/031073598X/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1443207218&sr=8-1&keywords=The+Christmas+Story+for+children) **by Max Lucado**   + [**The Christmas Story**](http://www.amazon.com/Christmas-Story-Jane-Werner-Watson/dp/0307989135/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1443207218&sr=8-2&keywords=The+Christmas+Story+for+children) **by Jane Werner Watson**   + [**The Story of Christmas**](http://www.amazon.com/Story-Christmas-Thomas-Nelson/dp/1400323916/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1443207218&sr=8-3&keywords=The+Christmas+Story+for+children) **by Thomas Nelson** | |
| **Discussion Questions** | **What do you remember?**   * Who is in the story? * Where was Jesus born? * Who came to visit him after he was born? * What village was he born in? * Who told the angels about the birth? * What king tried to kill the young child? * How was he saved?   **What lessons can we learn from the nativity story?**   * listen to the angels * trust in God to keep us safe and protected | Mary and Joseph **listened** to the angel thoughts that came to them and were **obedient**. Joseph took his young family down into Egypt for protection. |

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| **Extension Activities** | |
| **Language Arts** | [**Puzzle for the story of Jesus’ birth**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5m7P2KoYGgvSjZhcXpqZWRhTjA/view?usp=sharing)  [**Felt Board Nativity set**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5m7P2KoYGgvYldaUG45N3preEU/view?usp=sharing) |
| **Crafts** | * [**Playdough recipe for ornaments**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5m7P2KoYGgvR283aG5GRnRTczg/view?usp=sharing) * [**Finger Paint recipe to make Christmas pictures**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5m7P2KoYGgvcUNvdFdRd0tkZ0k/view?usp=sharing) * **[Folded paper angel craft (Scroll down the page to find the angel)](http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/christmas_page2.html)** * **[Paper Christmas tree craft](http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/christmas_page2.html)** * [Activities for the Birth of Jesus](https://drive.google.com/a/principia.edu/file/d/0B3uNEVAAKowpN3h4RGk3QmdlazA/view?pref=2&pli=1) (Travel to Bethlehem) * [Birth of Jesus booklet to make](https://drive.google.com/a/principia.edu/file/d/0B3uNEVAAKowpem9hTTJ0TmZXWW8/view?pref=2&pli=1) * [Birth of Jesus Puzzle](https://drive.google.com/a/principia.edu/file/d/0B3uNEVAAKowpUnhMYlh6N2FGN1k/view?pref=2&pli=1) * [Birth of Jesus Sequence Cards](https://drive.google.com/a/principia.edu/file/d/0B3uNEVAAKowpc3VNSDlsTmJIWDA/view?pref=2&pli=1) * [Baby Jesus craft and song](https://www.dropbox.com/s/cfiu33v1hzd4orc/Baby%20Jesus%20song%20and%20pop%20sticks%20SEC.pdf?dl=0) |
| **Snacks** | * **[Baby Jesus haystacks](http://www.dltk-kids.com/recipes/baby_jesus_haystacks.htm)** * **[Gingerbread cookies (men and women)](http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/gingerbread-cookies-101-recipe.html)** |
| **Parent Resources** | Article from the Christian Science Publishing Society related to the topic above:  **“The Star of Bethlehem,” by Ella W. Hoag,** *Christian Science Sentinel***, December 23, 1922**  [**Research on Luke 1:26-47**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5m7P2KoYGgvdVI3bURDVVh5Uk0/view?usp=sharing)  **Research on** [**Matthew 2**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5m7P2KoYGgva2ZpbWtSSWh1Zms/view?usp=sharing)  [**Research on the Star**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5m7P2KoYGgvN3B1TVBuV2JSajg/view?usp=sharing) |

