



MONTHLY BIBLE STORY

Shepherds and Angels

LUKE 2:8-20

BIBLE WORDS

"I bring you good news
of great joy that will be
for all the people."

LUKE 2:10, ESV

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus gives you joy.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.

The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.

STORY TIME:

- Tell It

CRAFT TIME:

- Joy in the World
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Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins when some shepherds were taking care of their sheep in a field one night.

"Then something amazing happened! An angel came and told the shepherds good news of great joy! Jesus, God's Son, had been born! Then the whole sky was filled with angels celebrating! The shepherds were filled with joy and ran to see Baby Jesus. When they saw Him, they wanted to share the joy with everyone! Jesus gave the shepherds joy. And Jesus can give you joy too. Because Jesus came to give the whole world joy. **Jesus gives you joy.**"



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CRAFT TIME

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Joy in the World" and "Jesus Joy" Activity Pages, cardstock, glue sticks, scissors, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Joy in the World" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Copy "Jesus Joy" on cardstock and cut, one per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Rub glue on the back of each child's picture of Jesus and help them press Him in the middle of the world. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus came to give the whole world JOY! J-O-Y (point to each letter as you say it) spells 'joy,' and the 'o' (point) is a picture of the world! Let's glue this picture of Baby Jesus to the middle of the world. (Pause.) Fantastic! Jesus, God's Son, had been born! He came to be everyone's friend forever! Jesus came to give the whole world joy. That means Jesus gives me joy and **Jesus gives you joy.**"