

Activity 1

Happy, Happy Birthday!

Ask the students why we celebrate Christmas. Remind them that it is Jesus' birthday! Play this game just like the traditional "Duck, Duck Goose." Have students sit in a circle. Select one child to go around the outside of the circle and tap heads. Each time a head is tapped have them say "happy" till they choose a child to run after them by saying "birthday!" The selected runner chases the other student until he/she sits down in the empty space.

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Activity 2

Pin the Star on the Stable

Remind the children how long people waited for a savior to be born so that they could have a relationship with God again and that we can have a relationship with Him, too. Blindfold the kids and have them take turns trying to pin the star in the "sky" above the stable.

Supplies: blindfolds, picture of stable, star cutouts
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Activity 3

Jesus in a Manger Ornaments

Give each child a wooden heart cutout and tell them that they are going to make something to remind them that Jesus' birth was the best gift; they can hang it in their room year-round or on the Christmas tree each year and it can be a reminder of Jesus' gift to us.

They will place the straw along the bottom of the wooden cut out, then glue the fabric with the brown circle as the face. The children will tape or glue the pipe cleaner to the back of the cut out. They can color a face on the brown circle. (Refer the craft sample or sample picture.)

Supplies: 3" wooden cutout (1 per child), small brown circle (1 per child), scrap of fabric (1 per child), pinch of hay/straw/brown crinkle paper (1 per child), gold pipe cleaner (1 per child), glue, tape, craft sample or sample picture

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Activity 4

Christmas Musical Chairs

Describe how Mary and Joseph looked for a place to have baby Jesus, but there was "no room in the Inn!" The Son of God was born in a very simple, humble barn for animals. Play Christmas music while you play musical chairs. (If you do not have access to a CD player, sing a song yourself.) Start with one less chair than there are students. Have the chairs formed into a circle, facing outwards. When the music starts, have students move around the chairs in a circle. When the music stops, students must find a chair to sit in. One of the students will not find a chair. When this happens, say "No room in the inn!" Have the child cheer on the others while he/she waits her turn to play again, showing patience. After each round, remove one chair.

Supplies: CD player, CD, chairs

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