

Reproducible!

Instant

Bible  
Lessons<sup>®</sup>  
for toddlers



Jesus Is My Friend

• Instant •  
Bible  
Lessons®  
for toddlers

---

## Jesus Is My Friend

Mary J. Davis

**These pages may be copied.**

Permission is granted to the buyer of this book to photocopy student materials for use with Sunday school or Bible teaching classes.

ROSEKIDZ®

To Larry.

To our children and grandchildren, may God bless each one of you.

INSTANT BIBLE LESSONS® FOR TODDLERS: JESUS IS MY FRIEND  
©2013 by Mary J. Davis

Published by RoseKidz®  
an imprint of Hendrickson Publishing Group  
Rose Publishing, LLC  
P.O. Box 3473  
Peabody, Massachusetts 01961-3473 USA  
www.hendricksonpublishinggroup.com  
All rights reserved.

Cover and Interior Illustrator: Mary Rojas

Scriptures taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide. www.zondervan.com The “NIV” and “New International Version” are trademarks registered in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Biblica, Inc.™

### **Conditions of Use**

Permission is granted\* to make up to 300 copies of individual pages\*\* from this book for classroom use only. The pages may not be modified in any manner. Permission is not granted to modify pages, to reprint charts, maps, time lines, and images apart from the page setting, to reprint groups of pages in bound form, either electronically or physically, or to offer copies for sale or donation either at cost or profit. All commercial use of this material is reserved by Rose Publishing, LLC. These pages, charts, maps, time lines, and images may not be placed nor used on websites. Any other use must be approved in writing by Rose Publishing, LLC.

\*Do not make any copies from this book unless you adhere strictly to the guidelines found on this page.

\*\*Pages with the following notation can be legally reproduced:

© 2019 Rose Publishing, LLC. Permission to photocopy granted to original purchaser only. *Instant Bible Lessons® for Toddlers: Jesus is My Friend*

ISBN 13: 978-1-58411-036-1  
RoseKidz® reorder# R38211  
RELIGION / Christian Ministry / Children

Printed in the United States of America

Printed December 2019



Chapter 9: More Friendly Activities..... 88  
Jesus Is My Friend ..... 88  
Friendship Bracelets ..... 89  
Memory Game..... 90  
Cereal Counting Fun ..... 91  
Attendance Charts ..... 92  
My Friend Jesus Book ..... 93  
Heart Plaque ..... 94  
Come With Me ..... 95  
My Friend Jesus Puppet..... 96





# Introduction



Do your toddlers know that Jesus is their friend? Knowing that Jesus is our friend is our first step to trusting our Lord for life. After your toddlers participate in the activities in *Jesus Is My Friend*, they will know that our friend Jesus is God’s Son, loved to be in God’s house, called twelve helpers, made sick people well, taught us how to pray, was praised by the crowd at the Triumphal Entry, and died and rose again. Toddlers will learn to love and trust their special Friend.

Each of the first eight chapters includes a Bible story, memory verse and a variety of activities to help reinforce the truth in the lesson. An additional chapter contains miscellaneous projects that can be used anytime throughout the study or at the end to review the lessons.

The most exciting aspect of *Instant Bible Lessons for Toddlers*, which includes *Growing Up for God*, *God Blesses Me* and *God Takes Care of Me*, is its flexibility. You can easily adapt these lessons to a Sunday school hour, a children’s church service, a Wednesday night Bible study or family home use. And because there is a variety of reproducible ideas from which to choose (see below), you will enjoy creating a class session that is best for your group of students, whether large or small, beginning or advanced, active or studious. The intriguing topics will keep your kids coming back for more, week after week.

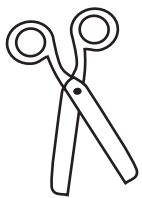
As toddlers begin to trust Jesus as their friend, they will also grow to trust you, their teacher, as a special friend, too.



## How to Use This Book



Each chapter begins with a Bible story which you may read to your class in one of two levels, followed by discussion questions. Following each story page is a story visual for you to make and use as you tell the story. Every story chapter also includes a bulletin board poster with the memory verse and suggestions for using the poster as an activity. All of the activities are tagged with one of the icons below, so you can quickly flip through the chapter and select the projects you need. Simply cut off the teacher instructions on the pages and duplicate!



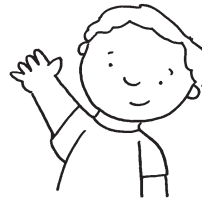
craft



teacher help



story visual



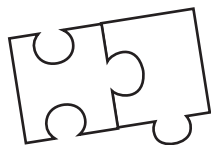
action verse



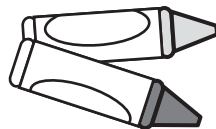
bulletin board



activity



puzzle



coloring



song



game



snack



# My Friend Jesus Is God's Son



## Memory Verse

Give him the name Jesus. Luke 1:31



## \* Story to Share \* .....

### 2's and 3's

One day an angel appeared to Mary. The angel said, "Mary, you will have a son. You are to give Him the name Jesus. He will be the Son of God."

Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem. People everywhere traveled to their hometown to register their names. It was a long trip. Mary's baby would be born any time.

When they arrived in Bethlehem, Joseph looked for a place for them to stay. There was no room at the inn, so they stayed in the stable. Mary's baby was born. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger. Mary gave the baby the name the angel told her to give Him. The baby was named Jesus. Jesus is God's Son.



### 1's and young 2's

An angel told Mary, "You will have a baby boy. His name will be Jesus. Jesus will be the Son of God."

Mary and Joseph traveled a long way because they had to go to Bethlehem. In Bethlehem, Mary had her baby boy. There was no room in the inn, so Mary put the baby in a manger. She gave the baby the name the angel had told her: Jesus. Jesus is God's Son.

Based on Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-7



## Questions for Discussion

1. What did the angel tell Mary?
2. What was Mary to name the baby?
3. Who's Son is Jesus?



# • Story Cards •

## story visual

### What You Need

- duplicated page
- three pieces of construction paper
- glue

### What to Do

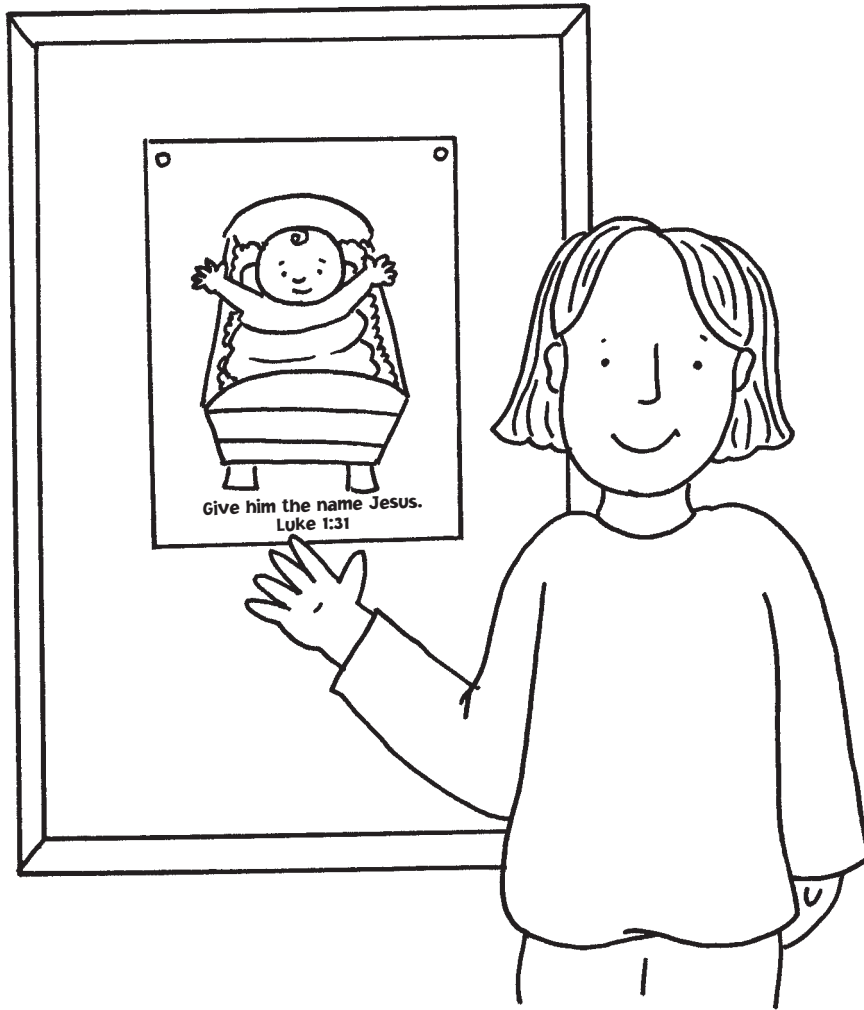
1. Cut apart and glue each scene to a sheet of construction paper.
2. As you tell the Bible story from page 7, hold up each scene as it corresponds to the part you are telling.

### More Ideas

1. Use the scenes to make a set of story cards for each child. Let the children hold the story cards while you retell the story. Encourage them to look at the pictures and tell the story.
2. Provide dolls and blankets, rockers, baby beds or rugs. Encourage the children to rock their babies, put them to bed or talk to them. Say, **Mary rocked baby Jesus. Baby Jesus took a nap. Baby Jesus was God's Son.**



# • Bulletin Board Poster •



## Poster Pointer

Fasten the poster onto a bulletin board in your classroom. To make it stand out, mount it onto brightly-colored construction paper, leaving an edge of the construction paper showing. Color the poster with crayons or markers.



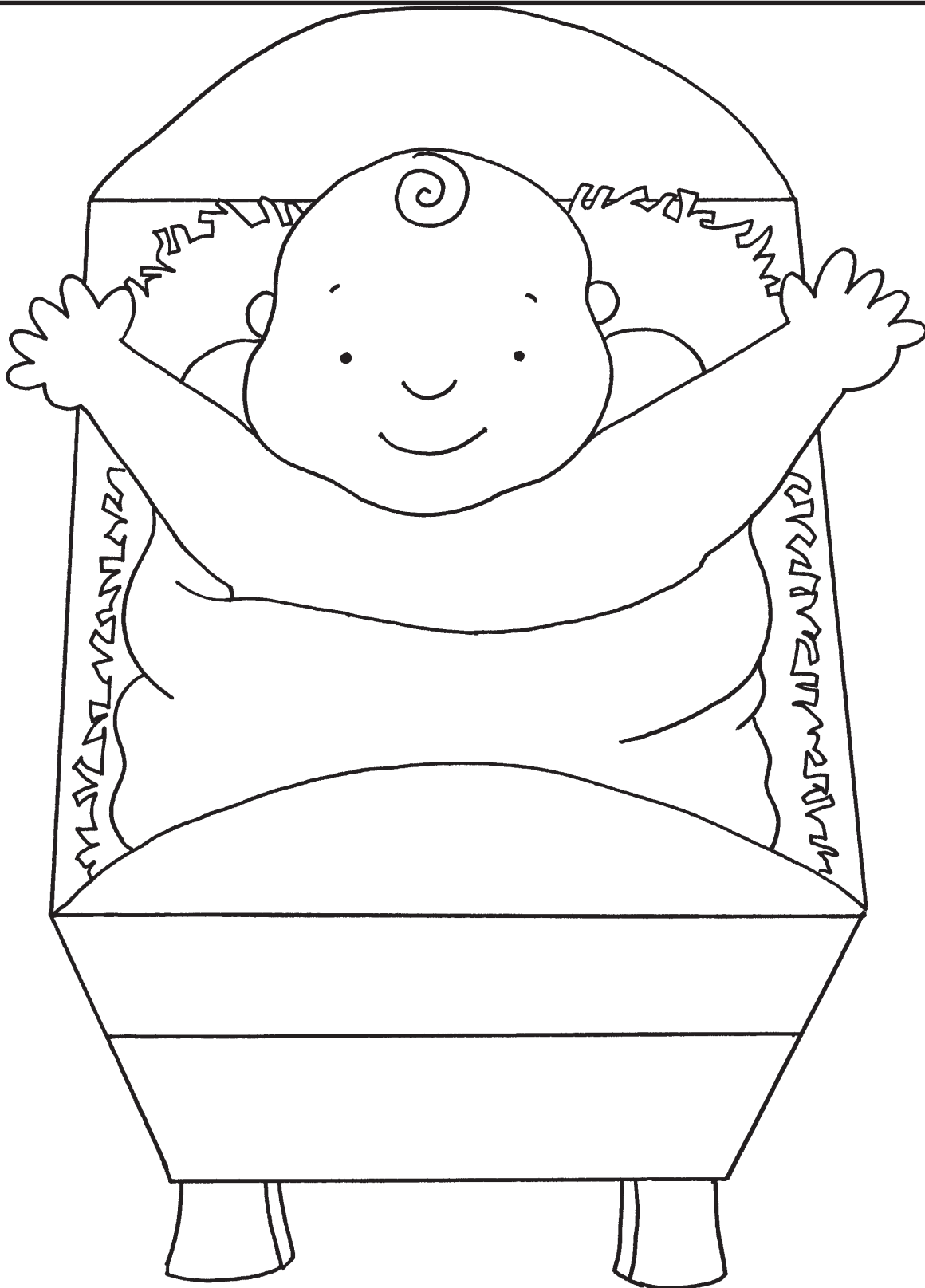
bulletin board

### What You Need

- pattern on page 10
- construction paper or card stock
- clear, self-stick plastic
- white cloth scraps
- glue

### What to Do

1. Depending on how you want to use the poster (see ideas below and at left), enlarge, reduce or simply copy page 10 to fit your bulletin board space.
2. To use the poster as an in-class activity, duplicate the page for each child. Allow them to color the picture. Provide pieces of white cloth for the children to glue onto the baby as a blanket.



**Give him the name Jesus.**

**Luke 1:31**

# • Good News • Sing & Rhyme

## Good News Rhyme

“Good news,” said the angel, “good news.”  
*cup your hands around your mouth*



“You are the one God did choose.”  
*point to God*

“You will have a baby Son.”  
*rock a pretend baby in your arms*



“His name is Jesus. He is God’s holy One.”  
*point to God*

## Good News Song

Mary had a baby boy,  
Baby boy,  
Baby boy.  
Mary had a baby boy,  
And Jesus was His name.



verse/song

### What You Need

- duplicated page

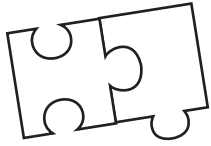
### What to Do

1. Practice the action rhyme and song before class.
2. Look at the children while you say the “Good News Rhyme” and do the actions. Help them learn the actions.
3. After the children learn the rhyme, teach them the “Good News Song” to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”
4. If desired, send this page home with the children so their parents can learn the rhyme and song with them.

### Toddler Tip

Young children learn through repetition. Do the rhymes and songs more than once when time allows. Use favorite ones at the end for a fun lesson review.

# • Hidden Picture Puzzle •



puzzle

## What You Need

- duplicated page
- crayons

## What to Do

1. Help the children find the animals in the stable.
2. Have them color the animals they find. (There are four.)
3. Encourage the children to name each animal they find. Say, **Mary wrapped her baby in cloths and placed Him in a manger. His name was Jesus. Jesus was God's Son.**

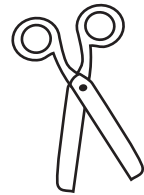
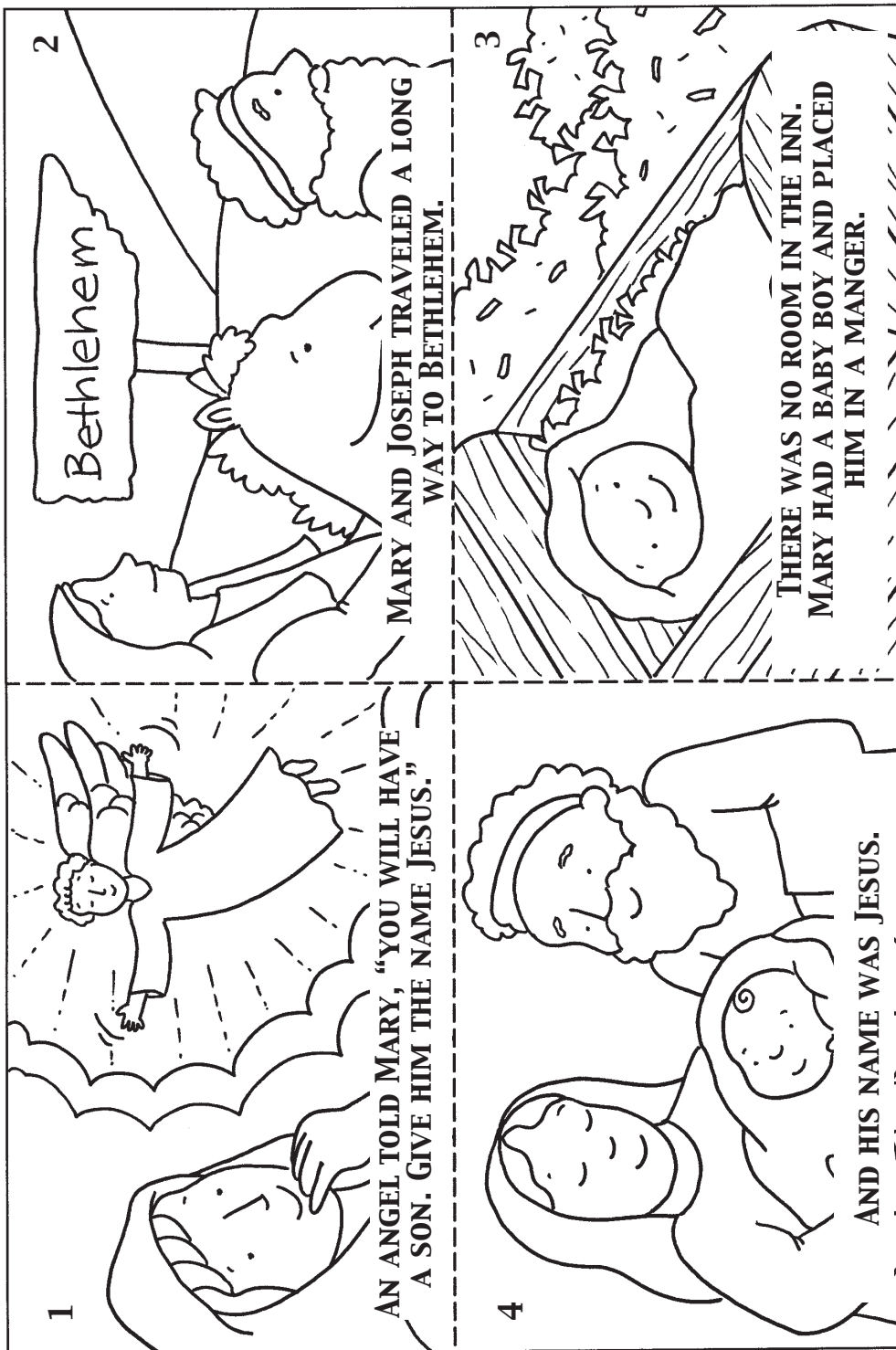


**Give him the name Jesus.**

**Luke 1:31**

■ God's Son ■

# • Baby Jesus Booklet •



craft

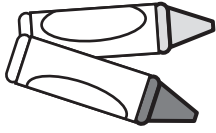
## What You Need

- duplicated page
- construction paper
- crayons
- glue
- stapler

## What to Do

1. Before class, cut the illustration into quarters, so each child has four sections for the booklet. Cut sheets of construction paper into quarters, so each child will have four.
2. Allow the children to color the pictures.
3. Help the children glue each picture to a quarter-sheet of construction paper.
4. Arrange the pages from 1 to 4.
5. Staple at the left edge to make a book. (Cover the staples with tape to avoid injury.)
6. Hold up your book and read the phrases as you encourage the children to turn the pages in their own books.

■ God's Son ■



## coloring

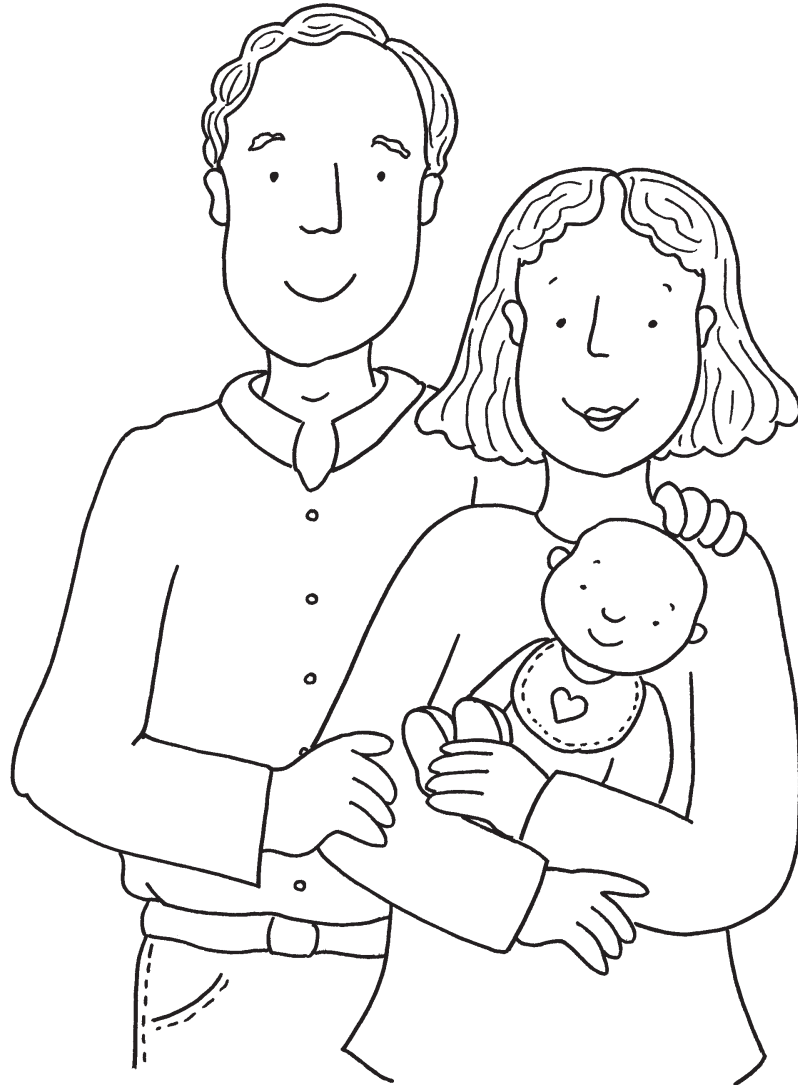
### What You Need

- duplicated page
- crayons

### What to Do

1. Hold the picture so the children can see it as you read the story aloud.
2. Allow time for the children to color their pictures.
3. After you read the story, ask the children to share stories of babies they've seen. Ask, **Did you love the baby? Do you love the baby Jesus?**

## • A New Baby •



Amy smoothed out her new, pink dress. Aunt Janet and Uncle Jim were coming today. They were bringing their new baby for all of the family to see.

"They're here!" Amy's mommy said.

Amy hurried to the door. Aunt Janet was carrying a bundle wrapped in a soft blue blanket. The blanket made a noise! Amy jumped.

Aunt Janet laughed and leaned over to Amy. "Can you see in the blanket?" she asked.

Amy pulled down a piece of the soft, blue blanket. There was a tiny, little baby inside.

"His name is James," Uncle Jimmy said.

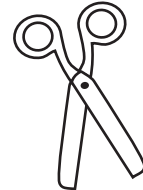
Amy went into the kitchen. She took a picture from the front of the refrigerator and brought it to show Aunt Janet and Uncle Jimmy.

"Here is a picture of baby Jesus I colored in Sunday school," she said

"Yes," Aunt Janet said. "Jesus was once a little baby just like baby James."

"I love baby James," Amy said. "And I love baby Jesus."

# • Shepherds and • Angel Ornament



craft

## What You Need

- duplicated page
- tape
- yarn
- crayons

## What to Do

1. Duplicate and cut out both star shapes for each child.
2. Help the children match the star shapes and tape them together with the printed sides facing out.
3. Tape a loop of yarn to the top point of the star.
4. Read the memory verse on one side of the star to the children.
5. Say, **After Jesus was born, God sent angels to tell others the Good News!**