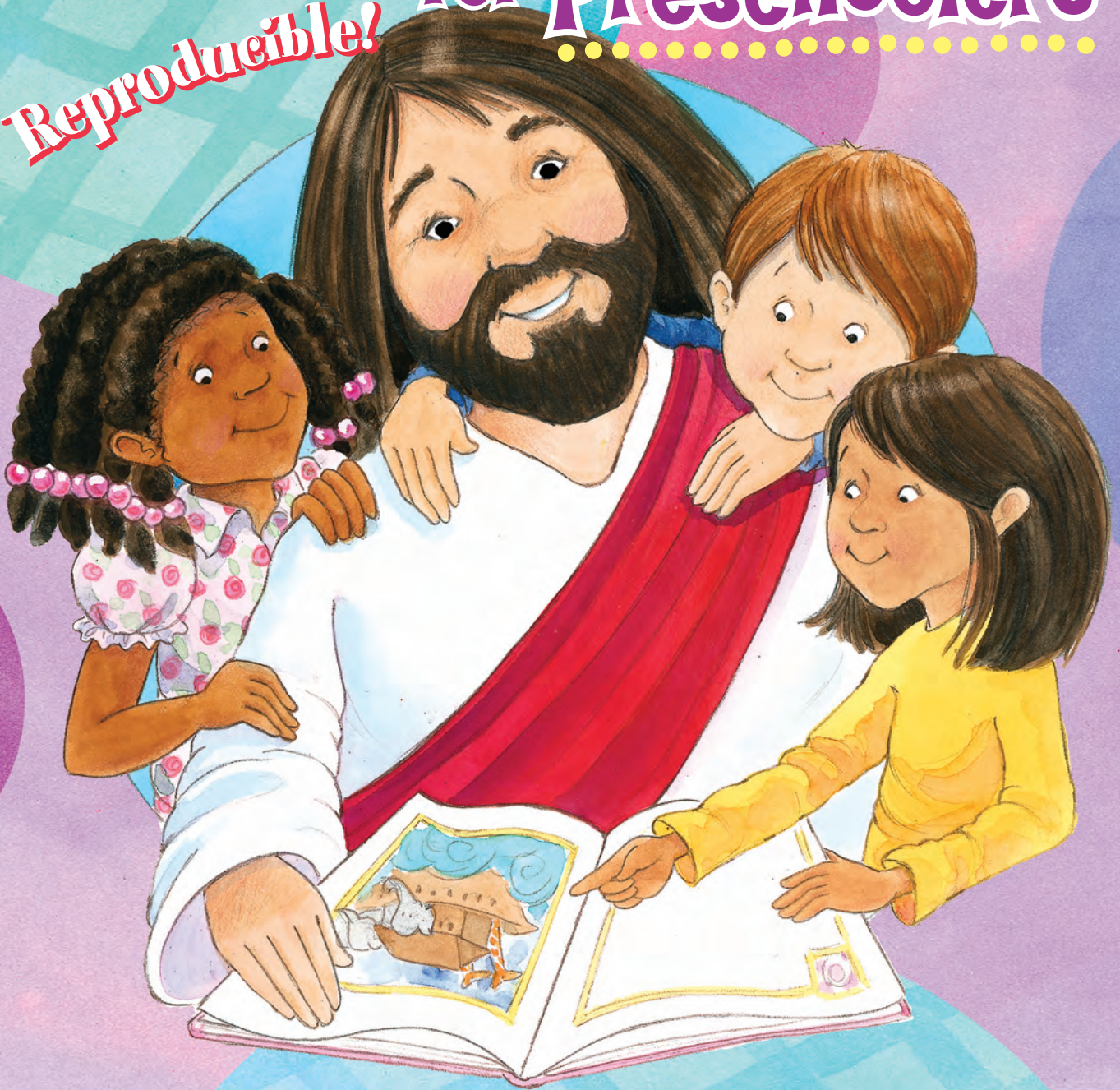


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Thanks for making me a grandma and for climbing on my knee to let me read you stories. I want you to learn the wonderful love of Jesus as you grow strong, and enjoy the great stories in the Bible. I love you, Mawmaw.

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Introduction

Welcome to *I Praise Jesus*, a book packed full with useful lesson activities for your preschoolers. You'll find the lively Bible stories and kid-friendly activities make it easy to teach about all the reasons why we praise Jesus, such as His peace, miracles, comfort and promise of heaven. Engage your students with active games and songs, set to familiar melodies, along with age-appropriate puzzles and worksheets. You'll find clear directions and lists of materials for the crafts and snacks, so you'll always be ready to go.

Each of the first eight chapters includes a Bible story, memory verse and numerous activities to help reinforce the lessons about the ways we praise Jesus. An additional chapter contains projects that can be used anytime throughout the study or at the end to review the lessons. Teacher aids, including bulletin board ideas and discussion starters, are sprinkled throughout the book.

The most exciting aspect of the *More! Instant Bible Lessons for Preschoolers* series is its flexibility. You can easily adapt these lessons to a Sunday School hour, a children's church service, a Wednesday night Bible study, a Christian school classroom or family home use. And, because there is a variety of reproducible ideas from which to choose, you will enjoy creating a class session that is best for your group — whether large or small, beginning or advanced, active or studious.

This book is written to add fun and uniqueness to learning about the reasons why we praise Jesus. Teaching children is exciting and rewarding, especially when you successfully share God's Word and its principles with your students. *More! Instant Bible Lessons for Preschoolers* will help you accomplish that goal. Blessings on you as your students explore why they praise Jesus.

How to Use This Book

Each chapter begins with a Bible story for you to read to your class, followed by discussion questions. Then, use any or all of the activities in the chapter to help drive home the message of that lesson. Each activity is 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 as desired.



craft



finger play



teacher help



bulletin board



activity



puzzle



action song



song



game



snack

Chapter 1

I Praise Jesus for His Example



Memory Verse

I have set the example.
John 13:15 CEV



Story to Share

Watch Me Grow

To Mary, the trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem seemed like it would never end. But the trip was necessary. The king's law required the people to go back to the land where they were born so they could be taxed.

Clip, clop, clip clop. The donkey's feet moved in rhythm and bounced Mary as she rode him. Joseph walked by her. He smiled when she glanced at him.

"Almost there," he said cheerfully to his pregnant wife.

But when Joseph and Mary finally reached the town, they found there were no hotel rooms to rent. Finally an innkeeper offered his stable to the young couple. Joseph spread some clean hay on the floor for his wife, then covered it with his coat. Mary was thankful for the soft bed.

A little while later, Joseph made another bed, but this one was in the manger, where the animals ate. He again placed clean hay in the bed and covered it with a cloth. When Jesus was born, Mary gently placed her new son in the bed.

Mary and Joseph knew their son was special. They knew God had sent His Son into the world to be the Messiah – to save people from sin.

Jesus grew like other babies. He turned over, He crawled, He walked and then He ran! Jesus ate the good foods His mother prepared for Him. He played with His friends, and did His chores.

Jesus' earthly father, Joseph, was a carpenter. Jesus loved to watch him work in his shop.

"Let me feel it, Daddy," Jesus would say as Joseph sanded a board. Joseph would stand back and let Jesus feel the smooth wood he planned to use for a table. When Daddy said it was time to clean up, Jesus ran to get the broom with a smile on His face, happy to be helping.

Just like you are growing, Jesus grew healthy, strong, obedient and wise. Jesus is a good example for us.

— Based on Luke 2:1-7



Discussion Questions

1. You probably were born in a hospital. Where was Jesus born? (stable)
2. How can you grow strong like Jesus? (eat healthy foods, run and play, be happy and obedient)



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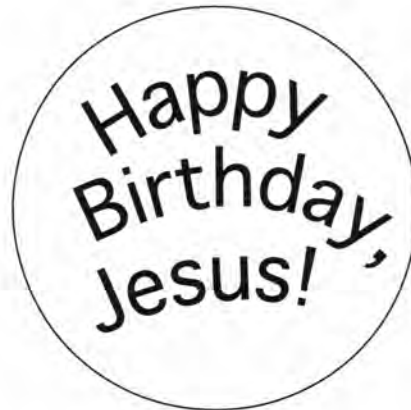
What You Need

- duplicated page
- card stock
- baby food jars
- water
- baby-themed confetti
- glitter
- glue gun
- glue

What to Do

1. Before class duplicate the lid circle to card stock and cut out one for each child.
2. Fill each jar almost full with water.
3. Give each child several pieces of confetti to put in the water. Allow the children to shake glitter into their jars, too.
4. Keeping the glue gun out of the children's reach, run a rim of hot glue around the tops of each jar. Tightly screw the lid on each jar.
5. Give each child a circle to glue on the top of his or her jar.

Glitter Celebration Shaker



What To Say

Let's turn our shakers upside down. The world was sinful and needed a Savior. God gave us a tiny baby who would be the Savior of the world. Now we turn our shakers right side up and praise Jesus! Let's say, "Happy Birthday, Jesus." Jesus was a cheerful, willing helper when He was a boy. He obeyed His parents and was kind to His sisters and brothers. Jesus was a good example. Let's turn our shakers upside down and say, "I want to be a good example like Jesus!"

Praise Kazoo

Celebrate, celebrate,
Celebrate Christ's birth.
Cows and sheep sang Him
to sleep,
In quiet Bethlehem.

Celebrate, celebrate,
Celebrate the Child,

He was loving, kind
and good,
Helping cheerfully.

Celebrate, celebrate,
Celebrate God's Son.
He was a good example,
I want to be like Him.

Celebrate!



I have set the example. John 13:15



song

What You Need

- duplicated page
- wax paper
- tape
- crayons
- paper towel tubes

What to Do

1. Cut the paper towel tubes into 8-inch sections, one per child. Cover one end of each tube with wax paper and tape in place. Make a $\frac{1}{4}$ " hole in the side of each tube. Duplicate a kazoo wrap for each child.
2. Allow the children to color their wraps.
3. Assist the children in taping the wraps snugly around the tubes.
4. Instruct the children to blow in the open ends of the kazoos (make sure each child's name is on his or her kazoo for sanitary reasons). Sing the song to the tune of "Jingle Bells" while the children play their kazoos.

His Example

Clothespin Review



game

What You Need

- duplicated page
- crayons
- glue
- clothespins
- paper plates

What to Do

1. Duplicate and cut out a game board and hearts, one set per child.
2. Allow the children to color their game boards.
3. Instruct the children to color one heart for each color: blue, green, red, yellow, purple.
4. Assist in gluing the game board to the paper plate and a heart to five clothespins.
5. Retell the story on page 7. As each character or object is introduced, tell the children to clip the colored hearts to the game board, according to the directions at right.



What To Say

- Clip the yellow heart to Mary, Jesus's mother.
Clip the blue heart to Joseph, Jesus's earthly father.
Clip the red heart to the stable where Jesus was born.
Clip the purple heart to the animals from the stable.
Clip the green heart to God's Son, Jesus.

His Example

Snacks from the Stable



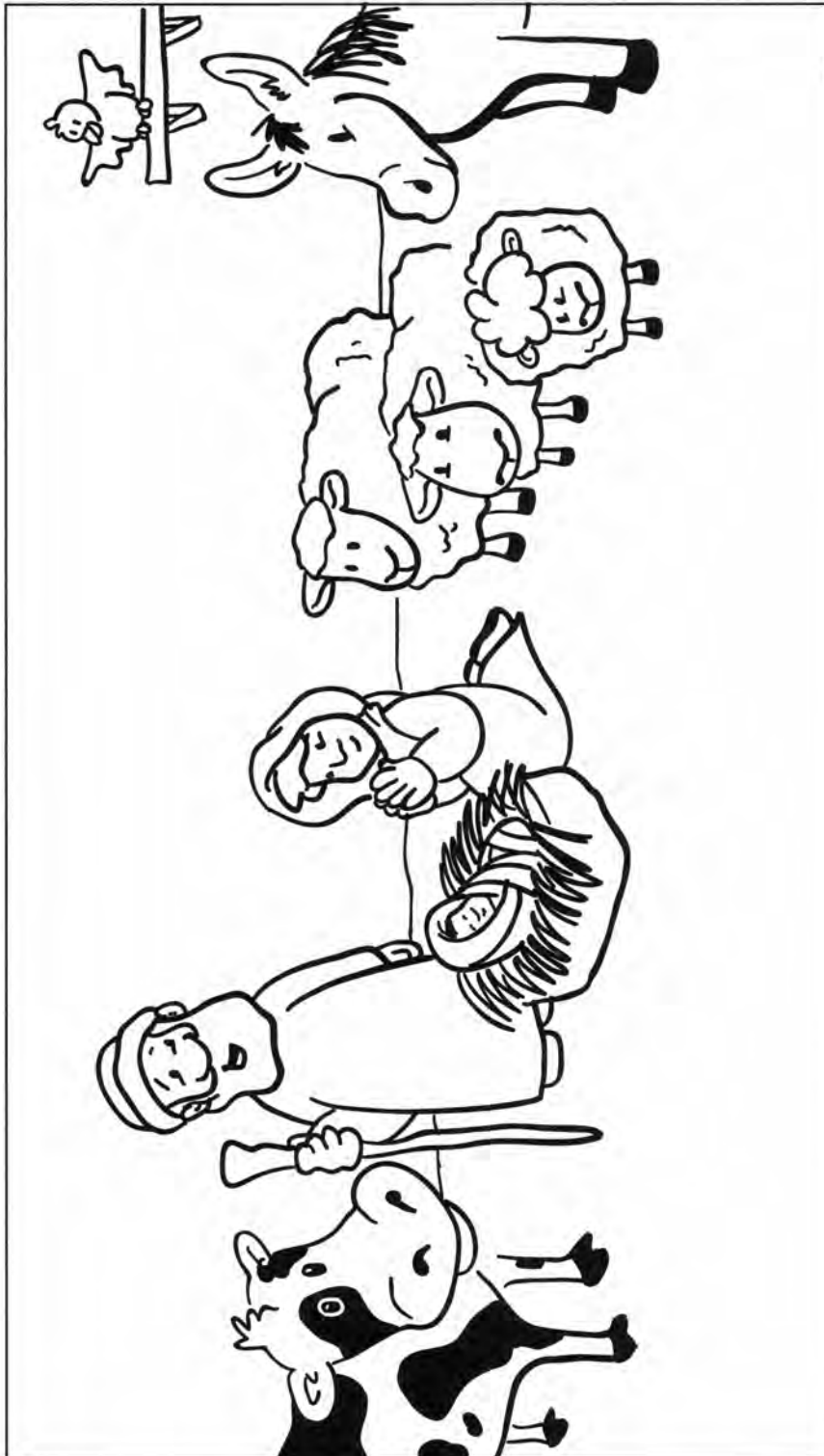
snack

What You Need

- duplicated page
- cups
- milk
- large marshmallows
- gummy worms
- wax paper

What to Do

1. Before class, duplicate the stable picture. Allow the children to color the picture.
2. Give each child a square of wax paper to cover the stable picture.
3. Instruct the children to place a cup of milk over the animal that gives us milk.
4. Give each child large marshmallows to place over the lambs.
5. Give each child a gummy worm to "feed" to the bird.
6. Now enjoy the stable snack!



What To Say

Look at the happy stable animals. They were happy to share their home with baby Jesus. When you share your toys and home with others, you are like the stable animals. When you share, Jesus is happy, too.



puzzle

What You Need

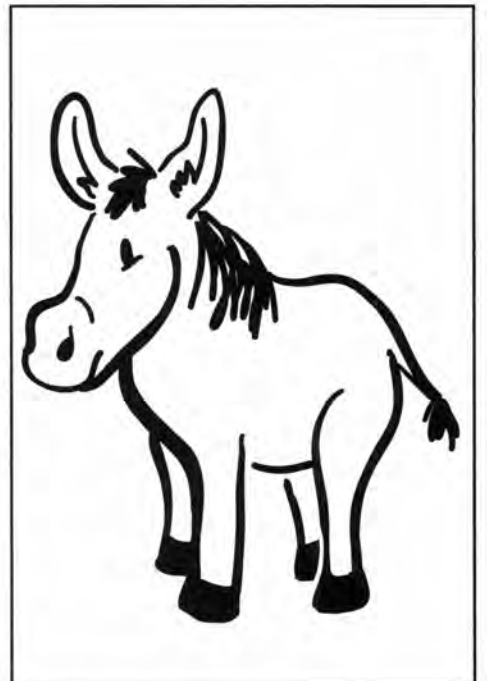
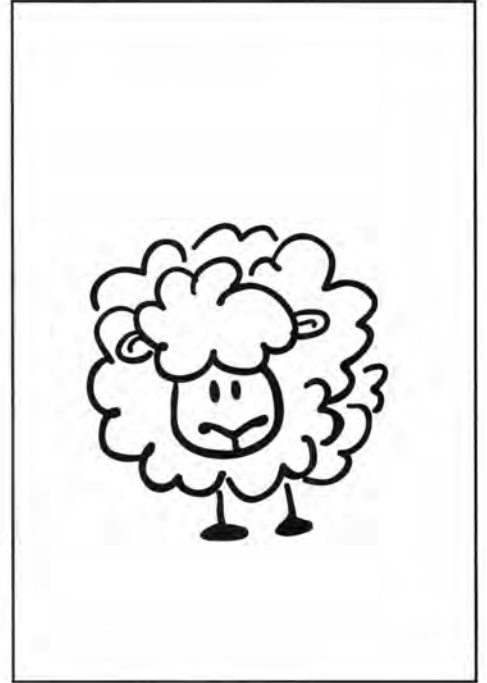
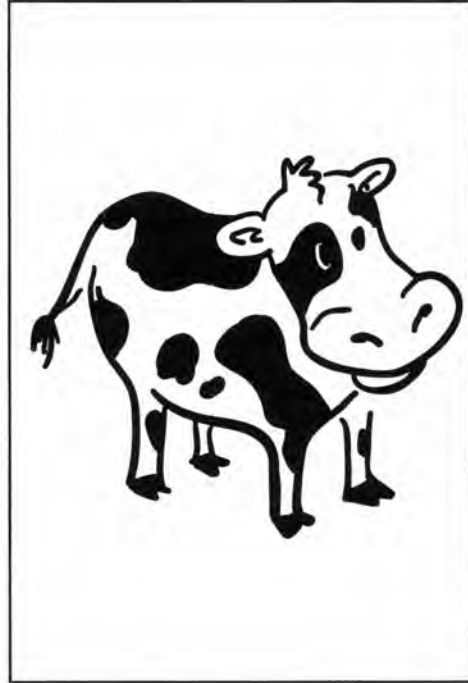
- duplicated page
- crayons
- plastic sandwich bags

What to Do

1. Duplicate and cut out a sequence card set for each student.
2. Allow the children to color the cards.
3. Supply plastic sandwich bags for storage.
4. Explain that you will call out a sequence in which the children should place their cards. Look at each student's cards. If they are correct, say, "Jesus is born!" Quietly assist those who need help putting their cards in order.

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Stable Sequence Cards



His Example

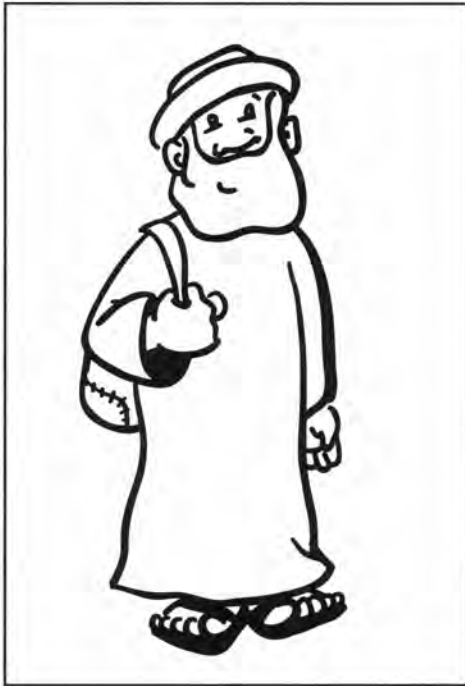


puzzle

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What to Say

1. An animal that moos, one that is fluffy like cotton and a tiny baby.
2. The animal that carried Mary to Bethlehem, the place where Jesus was born.
3. God's Son, an animal that gives milk and Jesus's mother.
4. A home for animals, Jesus's parents and Jesus.
5. An animal that has feet which say "clip clop," Baby Jesus and the animal that says, "Baaa."





craft

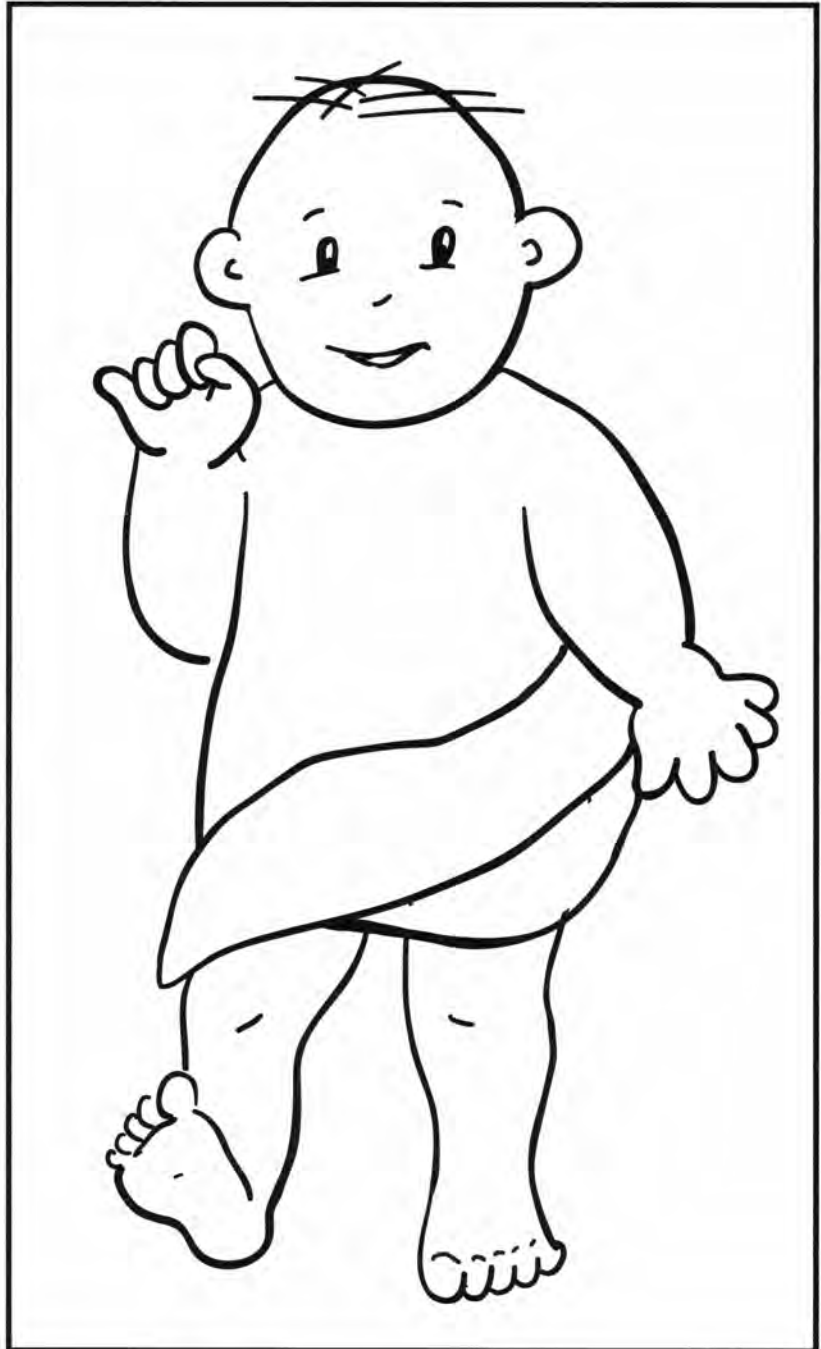
What You Need

- duplicated page
- card stock
- gauze strips
- heart stickers

What to Do

1. Duplicate baby Jesus to card stock for each child.
2. Give each child a 12" piece of gauze to wrap around baby Jesus.
3. Say, "God loved us so much that He sent His Son to earth as a tiny baby. God sent Jesus to show us how to live."
4. As you give each child a heart sticker to put on the soft cloths, say, "God loved (child's name here)."

Wrapped in Love



Watch Me Move Exercise



This is the way the donkey walked on the way to Bethlehem. (step high)
Clip, clop, clip clop, with Mary riding on top.

This is the way Joseph walked, all along the way. (march in place)
Step, step, step, step, Caesars' law was kept.

This is the way angels sang, announcing Jesus' birth. (open mouth wide)
La, la, la, la, the angels shepherds saw.

This is the way Mary rocked little baby Jesus. (rock back and forth)
Hush, hush, little boy, rocking with great joy.

This is the way Jesus swept up Joseph's wood shavings. (sweeping motions)
Sweep, sweep, sweep, sweep, all of them into a heap.



game

What You Need

- duplicated page

What to Do

1. Practice the movements before class so you are ready to do them with the children.
2. After the children learn the movements, try speeding up the verse and actions for fun.

Just Like Me



craft

What You Need

- duplicated page
- crayons

What to Do

1. Duplicate a worksheet for each child.
2. Instruct the children to match the pictures of Jesus on the left to a corresponding picture on the right, drawing a line to the modern child doing the same action.
3. Allow the children to color the pictures.

What to Say

What kinds of things do you do for play time that Jesus might have done? (told riddles and played ball, hopscotch, and board games) How was Jesus a good example for us? God wants us to try to be like Jesus.



His Example

I have set the example. John 13:15