

## PRESCHOOL LESSONS CHRISTMAS

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### Lesson 1

**Why do we celebrate Christmas?** Christmas is Jesus' birthday!

Sing Happy Birthday to Jesus.

Put up some decorations for a birthday party.

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**Talk about the manger pieces.** Ask them what each piece is.

The angel told Mary and Joseph that Jesus was going to be born. (A doctor usually tells us!)

The angel also told the shepherds about Baby Jesus.

Make an angel.

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**How did Mary take care of Jesus?** How do you take care of a baby?

(to the tune of London Bridge is falling down)

What is Mary doing now? Doing now? Doing now?

What is Mary doing now? Show me how!

(do motions for sewing clothes for Jesus)

She is making clothes for Him, clothes for Him, clothes for Him

She is making clothes for Him, clothes for Jesus

(do motions for changing a diaper)

She is changing his diaper, his diaper, his diaper

She is changing his diaper, Jesus' diaper

(do motions for rocking a baby)

She is rocking Him to sleep, Him to sleep, Him to sleep

She is rocking Him to sleep. Sleep, sleep Jesus

Show "swaddling clothes". Have kids help the teacher do it with a doll.

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**Tell others about Jesus' birthday!** Make a bell bracelet or necklace so that you can tell others about Jesus being born.

(I hear the bells on Christmas day, ding dong ding dong dong;

Jesus is born they seem to say, ding dong ding dong dong)

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(tune of Happy Birthday to You)

Merry Christmas to you; Merry Christmas to you

We're glad for Jesus' birthday, Merry Christmas to you!

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## Lesson 2

**Why do we celebrate Christmas?** Christmas is Jesus' birthday!  
Sing Happy Birthday to Jesus.

**Talk about the manger pieces.** Ask them what each piece is.  
Does it look like they are in a house or a hospital? Why was Jesus born in a stable?  
Make a box picture of the stable with Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus.  
Dress up like Mary and Joseph and wrap up Baby Jesus in swaddling clothes again and lay him in a "manger".

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**Talk about the animals in the Christmas story** - cows, donkeys, sheep, horses... whatever might have been in the stable.  
Make masks or hats of the animals for the children to wear.  
How do the animals move?  
Have animal races.

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**Tell others about Jesus' birthday!** How would the animals use their voices for Jesus?  
What sounds does each animal make?

If I were a sheep, If I were a sheep  
When I saw Baby Jesus I'd say baa, baa, baa.  
(do for all the animals)

If I was in the stable, If I was in the stable  
When Baby Jesus went to sleep I'd say (softly) baa, baa, baa  
(do for all the animals)

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(tune of Happy Birthday to You)  
Merry Christmas to you; Merry Christmas to you  
We're glad for Jesus' birthday, Merry Christmas to you!

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### Lesson 3

**Why do we celebrate Christmas?** Christmas is Jesus' birthday!  
Sing Happy Birthday to Jesus.

**Talk about the manger pieces.** Ask them what each piece is.

What do shepherds do?

During the day they watch the sheep and take them to water and good grass.

During the night they watch the sheep and keep them safe from wild animals. They put them in a pen so they won't get lost. Some of the shepherds sleep.

An angel came and woke them all up and told them that Baby Jesus was born. The shepherds ran as fast as they could! (run around in a circle as fast as you can!)

The shepherds found Baby Jesus! And they knelt down next to Him, and talked with Mary and Joseph and found out what had happened.

Then they went away and told everyone that "JESUS IS BORN!" Can you shout out?

JESUS IS BORN! Make a sheep and a shepherd.

Do a sheep hunt. Hide the sheep and have the shepherds find them.

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(Ten little indians)

One little, two little, three little shepherds;

Four little, five little, six little shepherds;

Seven little, eight little, nine little, ten little

Shepherds saw Jesus.

Ten little, nine little, eight little shepherds;

Seven little, six little, five little shepherds;

Four little, three little, two little, one little

Shepherds left to tell the people.

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Dress up like shepherds and sheep and run to see Jesus.

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**Tell others about Jesus' birthday!**

How can we tell other people about Jesus? The shepherds used their mouths.

Can you say "Jesus is Born"?

We could tell people on the telephone! We could tell our mommies and daddies and grandpas and grandmas and brothers and sisters!

(tune of Happy Birthday to You)

Merry Christmas to you; Merry Christmas to you

We're glad for Jesus' birthday, Merry Christmas to you!

## Lesson 4

**Why do we celebrate Christmas?** Christmas is Jesus' birthday!  
Sing Happy Birthday to Jesus.

**Talk about the manger pieces.** Ask them what each piece is.  
The wisemen brought gifts to Baby Jesus. They brought GOLD (money), PERFUME, and SPICES.  
Do you know what this is? A star! Why do we have a star in the Christmas story?  
The star led the wisemen to Baby Jesus.  
Play follow the star. Pin a star on the leader, and follow them around the room.

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Dress up and act out the story of the wisemen  
(to the tune of London Bridge is falling down)  
I am following the star, see the star, see the star  
I am following the star, to see Jesus

I have brought a gift for Him, gift for Him, gift for Him  
I have brought a gift for Him, a gift for Jesus

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Play find the star. (Have 1 child hide it while the others wait in the bathroom?)

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### **Tell others about Jesus' birthday!**

Make a star. The star reminds us that Jesus is SPECIAL and we want to tell others about Him.

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(tune of Happy Birthday to You)  
Merry Christmas to you; Merry Christmas to you  
We're glad for Jesus' birthday, Merry Christmas to you!  
Play "what's missing?" with the nativity set.