

Unit 16 at a Glance

Mary and Joseph

Unit Overview

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Unit Goals

- The children will learn that God takes care of them by giving them families.
- The children will thank God for sending baby Jesus.
- The children will imitate basic childcare activities.

Unit Contents

Bible Truth

God sent baby Jesus.
(Luke 2:11)

Lesson 1 Caring for Baby Jesus

Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem for a census. While they were there Jesus was born. The children will learn the value of a baby, especially baby Jesus. They will also role-play caring for a baby's needs.

Lesson 2 God Cares for Us

The children will learn that God gave them families to take care of them and that he loves them. God makes sure they get taken care of just as he took care of baby Jesus.

Lesson 3 Angels and Shepherds

When Jesus was born the angels in heaven rejoiced and the shepherds stood in awe. The children will learn that the angels and shepherds worshipped God because of the birth of Jesus.

Lesson 4 Review

The children will pretend to be the shepherds going to see Jesus in the stable. They will worship him and will thank God for sending him.





Dear Parent,

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On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included is a Bible Truth for you to review with your child at home. Please note that this is simply a biblical concept and not an actual verse.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Let your child play with an unbreakable nativity scene, or take your child to see an outdoor nativity scene in your neighborhood. Review with your child the following people who were involved in the event: Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, angels, and shepherds. Talk about how the figures in the scene are not real, but that Jesus, Mary and Joseph and the people in the Bible are real!
- Teach your child the first verse of some Christmas songs that celebrate the birth of Jesus. Sing these songs with your child as you go about your holiday activities.
- Show your child baby pictures that show you playing with and caring for her when she was a baby.

We look forward to being partners with you as together we help plant Seeds of Faith in the heart and mind of your child.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers



Unit 16 Song Sheet



Baby Jesus Was Born

(Tune: "Happy Birthday to You")

Baby Jesus was born.
Baby Jesus was born.
In a stable at night,
Baby Jesus was born.

The star did shine.
The star did shine.
Up over the stable,
The star did shine.

The angels did sing.
The angels did sing.
When Jesus was born,
The angels did sing.

We love Jesus, too.
We love Jesus, too.
We all love our Jesus,
And he loves us, too.

God Helps Babies

(Tune: "Goodnight Ladies")

God helps babies.
God helps babies.
God helps babies.
And he takes care of me.

God helped Jesus.
God helped Jesus.
God helped Jesus.
And he takes care of me.

This Is the Way

This is the way we rock the baby.
Rock the baby. Rock the baby.
This is the way we rock the baby,
Because we love him so.
(Replace italicized words with feed,
hug, kiss, etc.)

In Bethlehem There Was a Barn

(Tune: "Old MacDonald Had a Farm")
In Bethlehem there was a barn. E-I-E-I-O!
And in that barn there was a cow. E-I-E-I-O!
With a "Moo, Moo" here
and a "Moo, Moo" there.
Here a "Moo." there a "Moo."
Everywhere a "Moo, Moo."
In Bethlehem there was a barn. E-I-E-I-O!

And in that barn there was a baby. E-I-E-I-O!
With a "Waa, Waa" here
and a "Waa, Waa" there.
Here a "Waa." there a "Waa."
Everywhere a "Waa, Waa."
In Bethlehem there was a barn. E-I-E-I-O!

And over that barn there was a star. E-I-E-I-O!
With a "Twinkle, Twinkle" here
and a "Twinkle, Twinkle" there.
Here a "Twinkle." There a "Twinkle."
Everywhere a "Twinkle, Twinkle."
In Bethlehem there was a barn. E-I-E-I-O!
(Repeat with other animals and their sounds.)

Away in a Manger

Away in the manger,
No crib for a bed.
The little Lord Jesus,
Lay down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky,
Look down where he lay.
The little Lord Jesus,
Asleep in the hay.