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Bible Story Text

Luke 2:8-20

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Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Preclass Centers

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Bible Story: Visiting Friends

Life Application: Good News

Craft: Shepherd's Hat

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.

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Teacher Tips

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Visiting Friends

The children will learn that God sent Jesus and that the shepherds and angels were happy and thanked God.

Bible Story Text

Luke 2:8-20

Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- nativity scene from the Unit 16 Lesson 3, Bible Story
- felt board from Unit 16 Lesson 3, Bible Story
- felt board figures from the Unit 16 Lesson 3, Bible Story
- tape

Preparation

Place a piece of tape on the back of each felt board figure.

Friends

Place the shepherds on the felt board.

Open the Bible and show the nativity scene. Who can tell me who the special baby was that God sent? That's right! God sent baby Jesus. And who were the mommy and daddy that God chose for baby Jesus? Joseph and Mary.

Point to the shepherds. Does anyone know who these men are? They are shepherds! What do shepherds do? Point to the sheep. Shepherds take care of the sheep. What do sheep say? Baa! Baa! Have the children help you put the sheep on the felt board.

The Bible says that all of a sudden, the sky lit up with a big light. The shepherds looked up into the sky. Do you know what was making the light? Place a piece of yellow felt on the felt board and the angel on top of it. It was an angel! Have you ever seen an angel? The Bible says that the shepherds were afraid when they saw the angel (Luke 2:8-9). Do you know where angels come from? They come from God. God sent the angel. Do you think God wanted the shepherds to be afraid? No! The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I bring you good news! Jesus has been born!" (Luke 2:10-11). The angel told them that they would find Jesus wrapped in a blanket, lying in a manger (Luke 2:12). The shepherds were happy! Baby Jesus was born!

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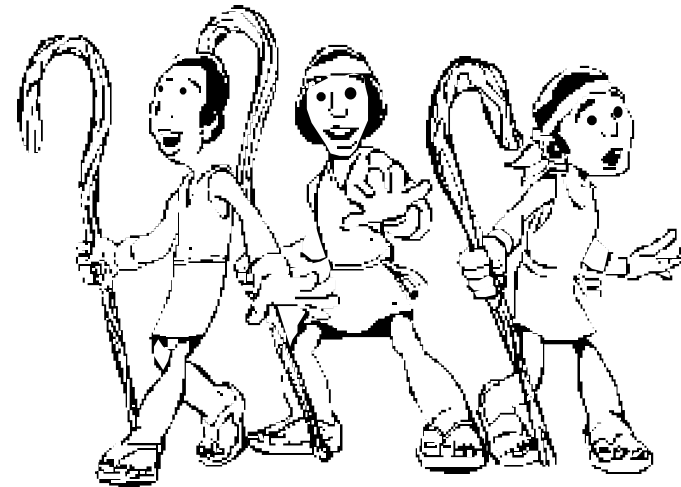
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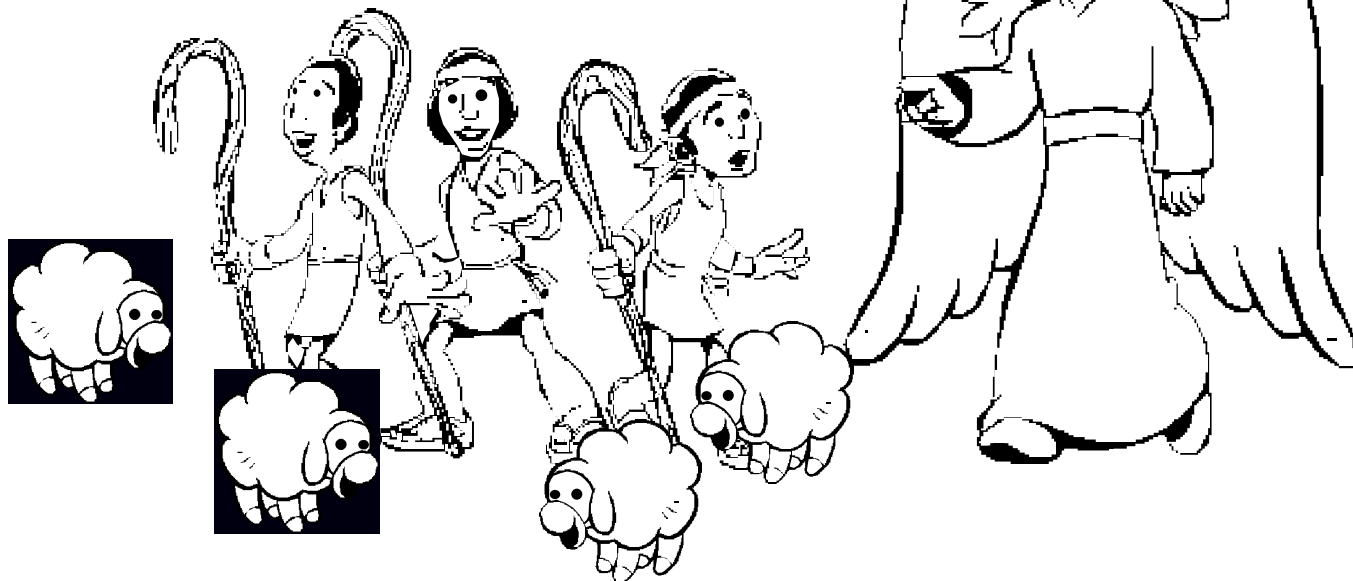
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Sing "Baby Jesus Was Born" from the Unit 16 Song Sheet. Ask the following questions to review the story:

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Good News

The children will play the parts of the angels and shepherds celebrating Jesus' birth.

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Materials

For the teacher:

- star from the Unit 16 Lesson 3, Life Application
- garland halos from the Unit 16 Lesson 3, Life Application
- table or large cardboard box, large enough to fit at least one child
- large sheet or tablecloth, large enough to hang over three sides of a table
- small baby doll
- baby blanket
- shoe box or other box to hold baby doll
- tape
- toy, stuffed or homemade sheep
- green towel or construction paper as "grass"
- hand towels and scarves for shepherds

Preparation

1. Wrap the baby doll in the blanket and place it in the shoe box as a manger.
2. Before the children arrive:
 - A. Drape the sheet over three of the sides of the table to form a "stable."
 - B. Place the manger inside the stable.
 - C. Tape the star to the top edge of the table.

Instructions

Put on a silver garland halo. Who can tell me who it was who told Mary the good news? An angel! Where do angels come from? Angels come from God. What did the angel tell Mary? "You will have a baby. His name will be Jesus." Was Mary happy? Yes, she was! And did she have a baby? Yes, she did! Show the baby in the

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manger. What was the baby's name? Jesus! Where was Jesus born? In a stable with the animals. What did God put in the sky when Jesus was born? Point to the star. A very special star.

Put a silver garland halo on each child's head. Let's all pretend to be angels. After Jesus was born, God sent a lot of angels to tell everyone to sing about him. Sing "Baby Jesus Was Born" from the Unit 16 Song Sheet.

The angels sang and told some shepherds that Jesus was born. Who knows what a shepherd is? A shepherd is a person who takes care of sheep. We have angels; now we need some shepherds. Dress some children as shepherds by placing a hand towel on the child's head and tying it in place with a scarf. Put the sheep and the "grass" on the floor. Let's pretend it is nighttime. The sheep are sleeping.

Now the angels come and light up the sky, and they are singing and praising God. They say to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid! Be happy! Jesus has been born!" Angels, let's all say that together. "Do not be afraid! Be happy! Jesus has been born!" Shepherds, look happy! Clap your hands! Do you want to go and see Jesus? Show the shepherds baby Jesus in the manger. Have the shepherds take turns picking up, holding and gently giving baby Jesus a hug.

Sing "Baby Jesus Was Born" From the Unit 16 Song Sheet.
NOTE: Save the star and garland halos for the Unit 16 Lesson 4, Life Application.

Bible Truth Activity

Hold the baby doll in your arms. What was the baby's name that God sent? His name was Jesus. God sent baby Jesus. Let's all say it together: "God sent baby Jesus." Jesus was a special baby. He was God's son!

Conclusion

Let's pray. Thank you, God, for giving us Jesus. Amen.

Many people need to know about God and his son, Jesus. Who can you tell?

Teacher Tips

- Use plastic turf as grass.

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Shepherd's Hat

The children will make a shepherd's hat to reinforce the lesson that the shepherds heard the good news of Jesus' birth.

Materials

For each child:

- water-based markers
- glue stick

For the teacher:

- scissors
- old sheets or fabric
- marker
- yard stick or tape measure

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for every 6 children

Preparation

1. Cut a 20" x 20" square for each child from the sheets.
2. Cut a 30" strip for each child from the sheets.
3. Cut out the text boxes from the copies of Reproducible Page A.
4. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Put on the model shepherd's hat. Pretend to be a shepherd hearing the good news of Jesus' birth from the angels.
2. Give each child a square of fabric to color with markers.
3. Give each child a text box to glue along the edge of the fabric square.
4. Give each child a strip of fabric to color with markers.
5. Help the children to put on their shepherd's hats by placing it on their head with the flat edge against their foreheads. Tie the fabric strip around their heads to hold the hat in place.

Conclusion

Have the children pretend to be shepherds visiting baby Jesus. They can pretend to go and tell a friend the good news.

Teacher Tips

- If you don't have old sheets, you can buy very cheap fabric at a craft store.
- Not all 2's and 3's will want to wear the hat.



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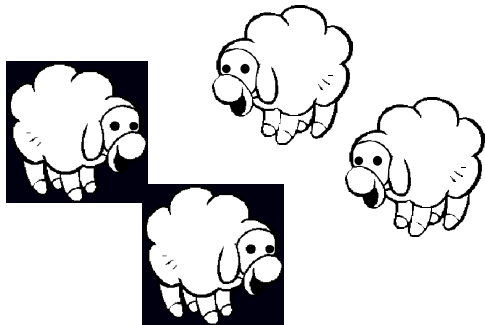
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Matching Jesus

The children will be reminded of the story of Jesus' birth.

Bible Truth

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(Luke 2:11)

Materials

For the teacher:

- cards from the Unit 16 Lesson 3, Life Application

Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the game.

Instructions

For younger children, play the game as follows:

1. Show the children one card of each pair and let them tell you what it is. This will help them to recognize the cards during the game.
2. Give each child a card and put the matches to their cards on the floor, face up.
3. Ask each child, Can you find the match to your card? If they need help you might say, I see you have a picture of an angel. Where is the other picture of an angel? When they find the match, let them hold the pair.
4. Talk to the children about the cards that were just chosen. Who remembers what the angels said to the shepherds? "Good news. Jesus has been born!"
5. The game is over when all of the cards are picked up. If there is time, play again.

For older children, play the game as follows:

1. Show the children one card of each pair and let them tell you what it is. This will help them to recognize the cards during the game.
2. Mix up the cards and place them face down in four rows of four.
3. Let each child take a turn flipping over two cards. If the child finds a match let him hold the pair.
4. If no match is found, have the child turn the cards over and let another child try to match a pair.
5. Talk to the children about the cards that were just chosen. I see you picked up a star. Why did God put a special star in the sky? Because baby Jesus was born! Encourage the older children to repeat the answer with you.
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Bible Truth Activity

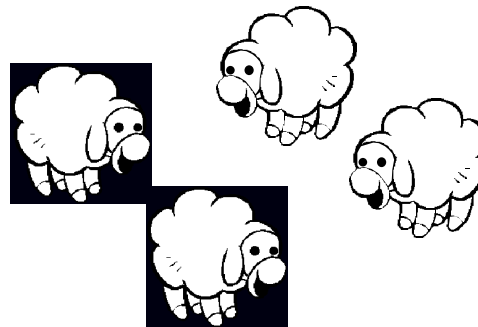
Ask the children, Who did God send? God sent baby Jesus. Let's all say that together: "God sent baby Jesus."

Conclusion

Sing the song "Baby Jesus Was Born." Hold up the corresponding cards as you sing the different parts of the song.

Let's thank God for sending baby Jesus. Choose a child to pray.

Who are you going to tell about Bible class today? What are you going to tell them? Right! God sent baby Jesus!



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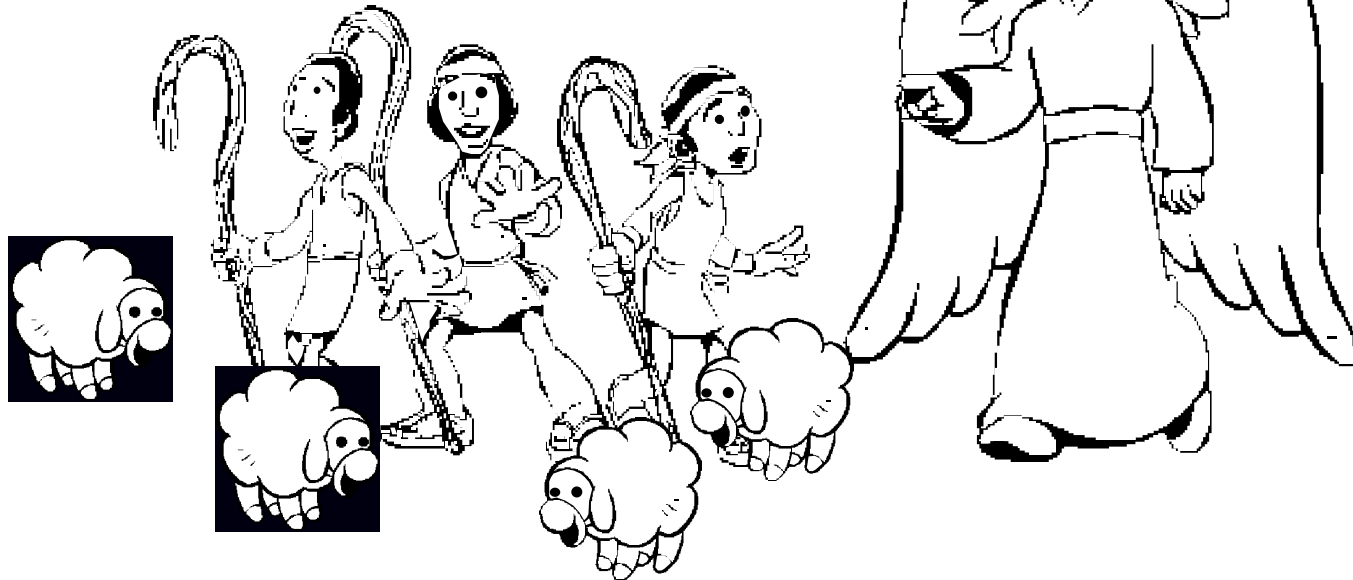
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Flying Angel

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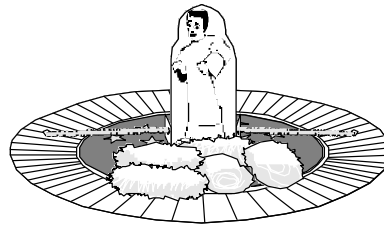
- 1 large Styrofoam paper plate
- 1 silver pipe cleaner
- 5 cotton balls
- glue stick

For the teacher:

- 1 large piece of white poster board
- blue construction paper
- silver foil star stickers
- scissors
- glue
- black marker
- hole punch
- tape

Reproducible Pages:

- Page B, 1 copy for each child



Preparation

1. Cut around the angels from the copies of Reproducible Page B.
2. Glue the angels onto the posterboard and cut them out. This will make them more sturdy.
3. Punch a hole on each side tab of the angels where indicated.
4. Cut out the text boxes from the copies of Reproducible Page B.
5. Cut a 5½" circle from blue construction paper for each child.
6. Glue each circle onto the middle of a plate.
7. Punch two holes on the edges of each plate. See Figure A.
8. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Show the children the model of the craft. What is this? That's right! This is an angel! Where do angels come from? They come from God. Show the children how to make the angel fly (slide the angel back and forth gently on the pipe cleaner).
2. Give each child a plate and a text box to glue on the back of the plate.
3. Give each child five cotton balls. Have them gently pull them apart and glue them onto half of the blue circle on the plate.
4. Have the children put five silver stars on the other half of the blue circle.
5. Give each child an angel and a pipe cleaner. Help the children to run one end of the pipe cleaner through one of the holes in the plate. Tape the end of the pipe cleaner securely to the back of the plate.
6. Help the children to thread the pipe cleaner through the holes on the angel. See Figure B.
7. Help the children slide the free end of the pipe cleaner into the remaining hole on the plate. Tape the end of the pipe cleaner securely to the back of the plate.
8. Help the children to write their names on their crafts.

Conclusion

Show the children how to make their angels "fly" across the sky by gently moving the angels back and forth across the pipe cleaner. Sing "Baby Jesus Was Born" from the Unit 16 Song Sheet.

Teacher Tips

- Have the children glue feathers on the angels as wings.
- Make the copies of the angel on cardstock instead of gluing them to posterboard and then cutting them out.

Craft

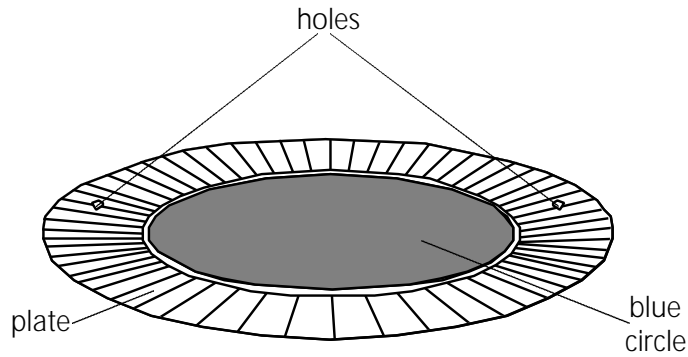


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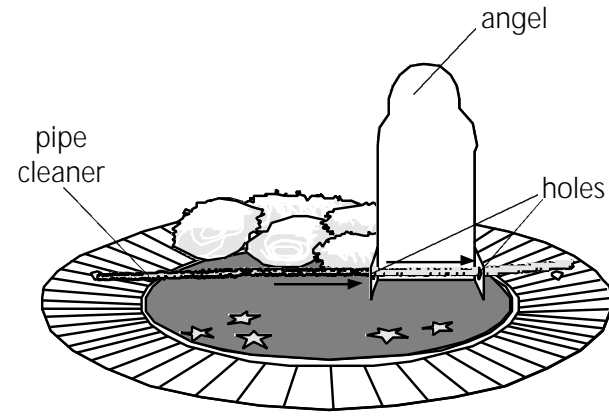


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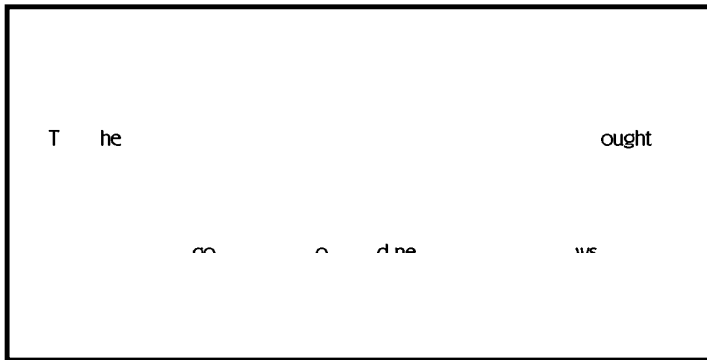
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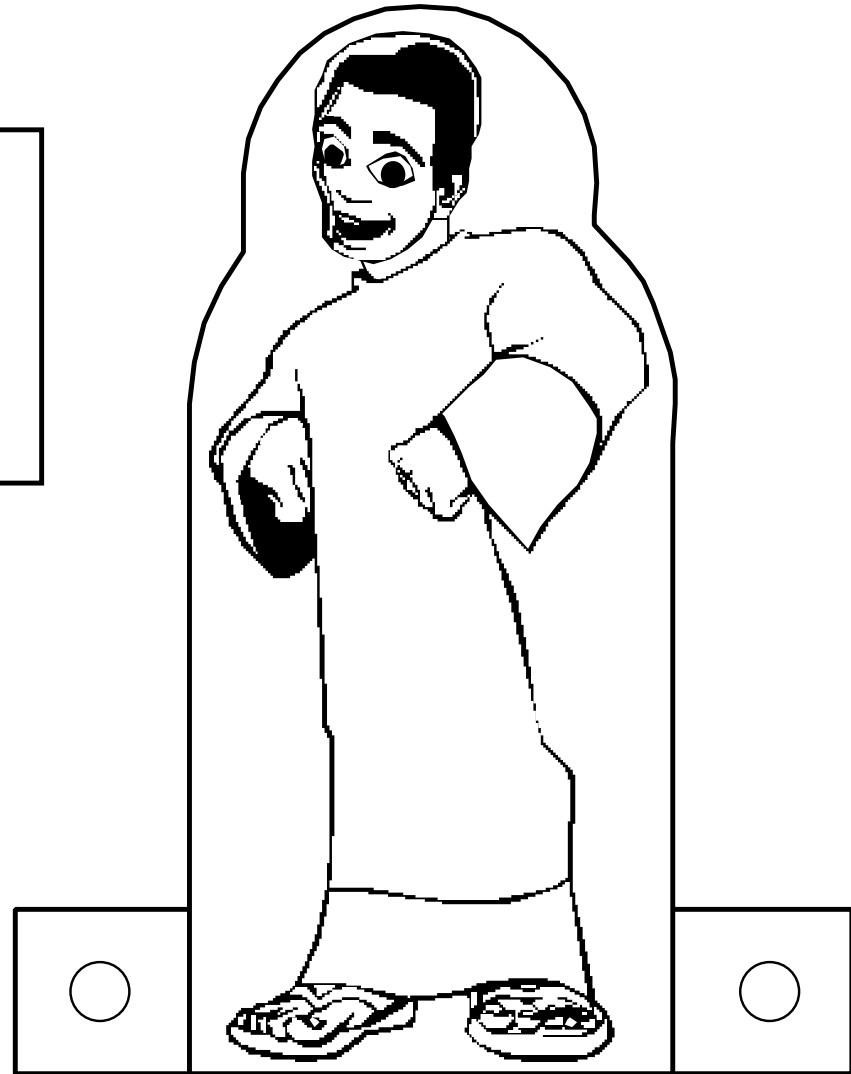




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