

THE GOSPEL PROJECT JR. ADVENT BONUS

Date: Sunday December 28, 2025 Teachers: Susan D (lead) Becca G(observe)

Props: from home: **download a Go tell it on the mountain onto your phone at centre:

Review Rules:

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)
Speak Kind words like our God three in ONE!

THE BIBLE STORY (VIDEO) "STORIES OF THE BIBLE: THE BIRTH OF CHRIST"

DISCUSSION STARTER: What makes a good gift?

GAME "Run to Bethlehem"

The Bible says that after the angels had given the shepherds the good news of Jesus' birth, the shepherds went "quickly" to find Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. They were excited to see Jesus for themselves. When they saw Jesus, they were so excited that they told everyone about everything they had seen. They were the first people to tell the good news: Jesus was born to be God's promised Savior.

Form two teams of kids and invite them to line up in a single file on one end of the room. Designate a finish line on the opposite end of the room. Explain to the kids that the first kid in each line must run to "Bethlehem," touch the floor, and run back to tell the next kid in line "the Savior is born!" Then she will move to the back of the line and the next kid will run to Bethlehem. The first team to complete the task wins.

SING A SONG:

Sing to the tune of "JINGLE BELLS:
Jesus is, Jesus is, Jesus is God's Son
God sent Jesus down to earth, because he loves us SO

ACTIVITY: "Go tell it on the mountain" materials (**download Go tell it on the mountain on your phone)
Play Go tell it on the mountain off of your phone. After a few moments, stop the music and call out, "Freeze!"
Preschoolers must freeze and shout, "Jesus was born to rescue us!!" After children have shouted the good news, turn the music on and invite them to dance again. Continue playing as time allows.

The Angels told the Shepherds that Jesus' birth was good news of great joy -that is because the good news is: God came in baby Jesus. A Messiah is born the angels said, and Messiah means rescuer or Saviour. This is the good news that we need and the world needs. Jesus was born to rescue us from evil, make his world right again and bring us back to God our Father.

ACTIVITY: "crib matching" materials: (pics of cribs one for each child)

Can you match the crib in this picture with the other crib that looks the same. When you were a tiny baby you slept in a crib, maybe you still have a crib for a bed. Baby Jesus didn't have a crib like us, he had a crib that was with hay and in a place where animals eat! God loves us so much, He came as a baby and was born in an animal's home in order to rescue us from the evil of the world.

SING & SIGN:

Teach the children to sign Jesus. To perform the sign for Jesus, touch the tip of the middle finger of your right hand into the center of your left palm. Then touch the tip of the middle finger of your left hand to your right palm. Invite the children to follow your lead in signing Jesus' name until they have memorized it. Sing "Jesus Loves Me" several times while using the sign for Jesus.

PRAYER: Thank you God for sending Jesus, we celebrate that He has Come and Is Coming! COLOURING SHEET/PLAY TIME & SNACK