



WiggleWay

December

Christmas Jesus is Born

Big Idea:

Jesus is born!

Principle:

God is good!

Scripture:

Luke 2: 1-7

Leader Focus – Getting Your Heart Prepared

We are continuing our Christmas series this week. Today the children will be hearing the story of Jesus' birth.

Find a quiet moment before the children arrive, and ask God to work through you as you lead His children. Pray for enthusiasm and endurance as you lead today. Take some time during this series to read and journal about the stories we will be exploring with the children.

Open Play

35 Minutes

As the children arrive have their favorite centers (blocks, books, dolls, Little People, kitchen) open for the children to free play in as they arrive.

Welcome the children as they arrive and let them know how happy you are to see them. A smile goes a long way!

Encourage the children to play together and share toys. Children this age often parallel play, they play next to each other, but not with each other.

Large Group

10 Minutes

Have the children clean up the areas before you start your group time. Toddlers love to help, give them specific jobs when it is clean up time.

Have the children come sit on the carpet when the toys are put away.

GATHERING

God Loves You! (*finger play*)

One, two (hold up pointer fingers)

This is true. (put hands together like a book)

God loves me. (point to self)

God loves you! (point to others)



PRAYER

Let's talk to God. Talking to God is called praying.

"Dear God, thank you for giving us Jesus. We love you! Amen."



STORY (*Items needed: The Beginners Bible*)

Did you know that Jesus was once a baby? Just like we were all babies too. I have a story to share with you about the special day Jesus was born. The stories in the Bible are real stories!

Read pages 271-276 in the Beginners Bible.

Good listening! God loves us all so much that He gave us Jesus!

Let's stand up and dance! When we sing and dance we are letting God know we love Him.

Celebration

5 Minutes

Play some of the toddlers' favorite song, let them dance for Jesus!

Activity/Project

5 Minutes



Project: Nativity Cross

The children will use crayons to color their picture. As they are working tell them what color they are using, praise their work, and remind them how much God loves them!

Snack

5 Minutes

The children may stay at the table for their Cheerios. As the children are enjoying their snack, remind them how much God loves them. When the children are finished with the Cheerios, have them throw away their cup and napkin. Thank them for being such great helpers!

As the children finish their snack and get ready to leave, they may enjoy this good bye song.

Goodbye Friends (sung to the tune "Are you Sleeping?")

Goodbye friends, good-bye friends

It's time to go, time to go

Thank you friends for helping,

Thank you friends for sharing,

Love you so, love you so.