



PRIOR TO TEACH THE SESSION

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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Love the baby

- horseshoe-shaped pillows
- baby doll
- blanket

Celebrate Jesus' birth

- horseshoe-shaped pillows
- ribbons or scarves



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Name your emotion

- nonbreakable handheld mirror
- "Emotions Pictures" printable

Move to the music

- electronic device
- familiar Christmas songs

Fill a manger

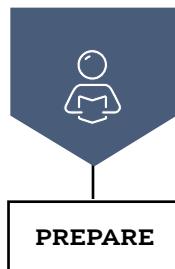
- "Manger Outline" printable
- cream-colored raffia or off-white shredded paper
- animal stickers (optional)



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Pack a bag to travel

- Bible Story Poster
- duffel bag or suitcase (optional)
- items around the room (optional)



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Thank God for Jesus

- horseshoe-shaped pillows
- Bible Story Poster

Build a strong tower

- soft foam blocks or paper cups



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Decorate a heart

- Key Passage Phrase Card (optional)

Worship God

- scarves or ribbons
- maracas, bells, or any other instrument
- upbeat worship music
- electronic device

Travel to the temple

- toy vehicles
- Bible Story Picture



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Crawl, jump, and walk

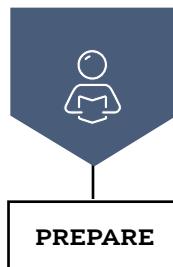
- Bible Story Poster (optional)

Knock down a strong tower

- building materials (cardboard or foam blocks, magnetic tiles, and so forth)
- Bible Story Poster

Form the temple

- adhesive hook-and-loop pieces
- craft sticks
- felt or flannel fabric



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Guess what is inside

- jingle bells
- box
- wrapping paper
- horseshoe-shaped pillows

Worship Jesus like the wise men

- handheld instruments
(maracas, bells, and so forth)
- upbeat music
- electronic device



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Decorate a gift

- "Gift Box" printable
- painting smocks
- paper towels
- washable paints
- paintbrushes
- baby wipes

Search for "Jesus"

- special toy

Pass the gift

- individually wrapped
presents, 3
- upbeat worship music
- electronic device

Whisper the story

- Bible Picture Poster



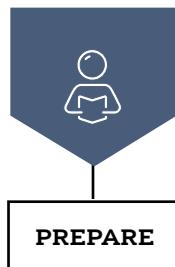
BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Travel to worship

- strollers
- Bible Story Poster

Wrap "presents"

- wrapping-paper strips
- cardboard blocks or boxes



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Look for a friend

- horseshoe-shaped pillows

Point to your face

- horseshoe-shaped pillows



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Look and find

- Bible Story Poster (optional)
- magnifying glasses (optional)

Toss the globe

- inflatable globe

Travel to church

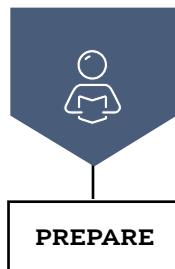
- strollers (optional)
- walking robe (optional)



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Design a temple

- washable paint
- foam blocks
- painting smocks
- Bible Story Poster



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Wash away

- plastic container
- washcloth
- water
- towel

Touch and feel

- items made of leather, wool, and cashmere, such as a belt, wallet, or an article of clothing



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster

Circle time

- Key Passage Phrase Card

Decorate "John"

- "Person Outline" printable
- brown felt fabric
- sandpaper pieces
- strands of tan and brown yarn
- liquid glue

Turn into shapes

- fun-shaped plastic cookie cutters

Look at pictures

- pictures of foods
- picture of a locust
- ziplock bag



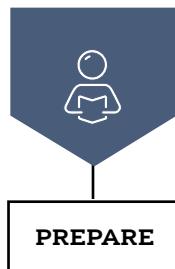
BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Show the one

- objects from around the room (a ball, a block, and so forth)

Wash away

- large plastic bin
- dirt
- plastic toy insects
- plastic cups
- pitcher of water
- paper towels
- sink or an extra plastic bin



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Make watercolor art

- blue watercolor paint
- paper towels
- cups
- water
- painting smocks

Explore up and down

- picture of a dove



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster

Circle time

- Key Passage Phrase Card

Create a dove

- paper plates cut in half
- googly eyes
- small construction paper triangles
- white artificial feathers

Play out the Bible story

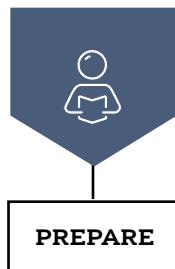
- plastic tub
- water
- dry towel
- people figures

Make a river

- blue sheet or tablecloth



BONUS TEACHING HOUR



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Push the ball away

- medium or large ball



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Find and seek

- toy food items
- medium or large stones
- red paper
- slice of bread
- ziplock bag

Make "bread" art

- painting smocks
- paper plates
- small sponges
- finger paint

Touch and sort stones

- different sizes and textures of stones
- piece of bread
- ziplock bag



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Worship and party

- soft worship music
- electronic device
- scarves or toy musical instruments



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Play peekaboo

- toy lamb
- horseshoe-shaped pillows
- blanket



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Fill in the lamb

- "Lamb Outline" printable
- liquid glue
- paper plates
- cotton balls

Come and see the lamb

- toy cars
- toy lamb
- box
- blanket

Seek and follow

- various objects (footprint cutouts, 2 people figures, glasses, Bible, shoe, toy lamb, and so forth)

Count to two

- toys in groups of 2 (balls, blocks, crayons, books, and so forth)



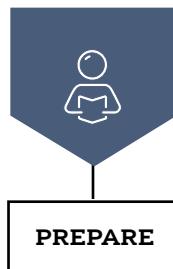
BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Find the ones

- cardstock cutouts of the number 1

Follow and march

- instrumental worship music
- electronic device



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Paint a purple "grape"

- high chairs
- painting smocks
- purple finger paint or a washable stamp pad
- baby wipe

Shake water and special grape juice

- small water bottle
- baby oil
- red and blue food color



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Paint "grapes"

- purple paint dauber or dot marker
- marker

Carry water jugs

- unopened water bottles, 6

Pour water

- bin
- water
- towel
- scoops, plastic cups, or other small containers



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Touch grapes

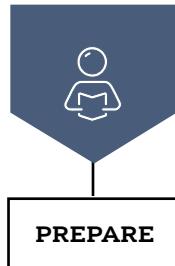
- grapes
- ziplock bag

Choose cards

- "Matching" printable, 2

Organize water bottles

- unopened water bottles of various sizes



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Squish and find

- hair gel
- toy
- ziplock bag

Make faces

- horseshoe-shaped pillows
- nonbreakable mirrors
(optional)



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Color coins

- 3-inch cardstock circles
- stickers or crayons
- small paper bags
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Identify faces

- "Faces" printable

Dump and sort coins

- large play coins or buttons
- small bucket or box

Move items

- strips of leather or rope
- toy sheep and oxen
- dollhouse-size table or small box
- bag of play coins



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Find coins

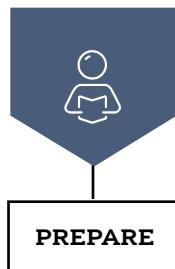
- large play coins
- bin
- shredded paper

Free farm animals

- toy farm animals

Make sensory bags

- hair gel
- ziplock bag
- toy coins, 3
- food color



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Sing a song

- pillows and blankets

Stick stars

- high chairs
- dark-colored paper
- adhesive foam stars

Look at stars

- glow-in-the-dark stars
- horseshoe-shaped pillows



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Add stars to the sky

- dark sheet of construction paper
- star stickers (or white paint daubers)

Raise up the cross

- dowel
- cardboard

Find the stars

- plastic or cardstock stars



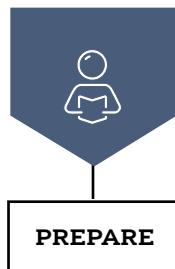
BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Make a meal

- toy food and dishes
- age-appropriate toy first aid kit

Show day or night

- books with daytime and nighttime pictures (putting on pajamas, brushing teeth, eating breakfast, playing outside, and so forth)



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Announce toys

- horseshoe-shaped pillows
- toys from the room

Explore water

- bin
- water
- towel
- toy people figures



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Add stickers

- large sheet of paper
- smiley face stickers

Demonstrate a wedding

- wedding photo
- people figures

Create a simple obstacle course

- items from around the room
- pool noodle (optional)

Play out the Bible story

- bin
- water
- towel
- toy people figures



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Color a river

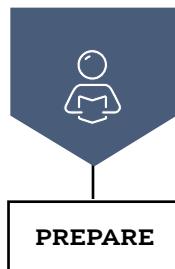
- large sheet of butcher paper

Show the story

- toy people figures
- blue tablecloth or sheet

Build a river

- blue tablecloth or sheet



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Travel and sit down

- horseshoe-shaped pillows
- Bible Story Poster

Stack cups

- horseshoe-shaped pillows
- plastic cups



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Decorate cups

- Key Passage Phrase Card
- plastic cups
- stickers

Toss beanbags

- bucket
- beanbags

Pour water

- bin
- water
- towel
- ladles and small cups



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Freeze and shout

- upbeat worship music
- electronic device

Press the play dough

- blue play dough
- cups or small bowls

Find and work a puzzle

- Bible Story Poster on heavyweight paper
- plastic cups