

# Growing Together

## Bible Story

Jesus is born  
(Luke 2:1-7).

**Jesus' Birth 2:**  
Jesus came to earth  
as a baby.

## Bible Verse

"For a child is born to us,  
a son is given to us"  
(Isaiah 9:6a).

## In Touch

Today your child learned that God sent Jesus as a baby, not as a grown-up. The children discovered that because Jesus was a baby, he grew up and experienced the same things they're experiencing. The children also talked about how precious babies are and about how much care and love they need. Use these activities this week to help your child learn to love the precious baby Jesus, who grew up to be our Savior and Lord.

## Baby Jesus

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To help your child better understand that Jesus came to earth as a baby, let him or her see what babies are like. If your family has a baby, great! Help your child care for the baby by feeding it, singing it to sleep, and changing its diapers. If you don't have a baby in your family, visit a family who does or volunteer with your child in the church nursery. Talk about what Jesus would have been like as a baby and what was special about Jesus coming to earth as a baby instead of as a grown-up.

## A Journey

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If your family will be traveling during the holidays, take the opportunity to compare your journey with Mary and Joseph's journey. How will you pack and prepare? How do you think Mary and Joseph packed and prepared for their journey to Bethlehem? Compare your means of traveling with theirs. What would it be like to go home with the newborn baby Jesus?

## Baby Care

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Put together a care package for a newborn baby. Include items such as booties, a soft blanket, a bib, and a rattle. Pray that your gifts will keep a new baby warm and comfortable. Donate your package to a clinic, a hospital, or a shelter. And pray that God will watch over the new baby and his or her family and keep them safe.

## Gifts for Jesus

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Together with your family, think of a gift you can give to Jesus. You might give a donation to a charity, send Bibles to another country, volunteer for a month's work in the church nursery, or commit to praying for a missionary family once a week for a year. Write out what your gift will be, and put it in a box. Wrap the box, and put it under your Christmas tree. Save it as the last present to be unwrapped on Christmas morning. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving to Jesus for coming as a baby to save the world, and dedicate your gift to God's kingdom.