

Toddlers & 2s

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## Jesus Came as a Baby

For the next five weeks, your child will be learning about the birth of baby Jesus. Toddlers and 2s will see that Jesus was a real baby who grew just as they are growing. Use these ideas at home to help reinforce the point that Jesus came as a baby.

### Tips for Ts and 2s

As a parent in a society that puts so much emphasis on the commercial aspects of Christmas, look for opportunities to celebrate the birth of Jesus this month. Very young children love to hear about animals, receiving special visitors, giving gifts, seeing a special star, and baby Jesus. Let the enthusiasm of your toddler bring excitement to the Christmas activities your family has already planned, and remember to emphasize that Jesus came as a baby.

### Together Time

- Purchase or make a Nativity set that is safe for your child to handle. Talk about each character, and ask questions to help your child remember the details of the Christmas story.
- Let your child help make star-shaped Christmas cookies. Talk about the bright star that guided the wise men to baby Jesus.
- Sing this song from class with your toddler:

### Bright Star

(sung to the tune of “The Mulberry Bush”)

**The star was shining in the night,  
In the night, in the night.  
The star was shining in the night.  
It was a pretty sight!**

**In the manger the baby slept,  
The baby slept, the baby slept.  
In the manger the baby slept  
All through the night.**

**In the sky the angels sang,  
The angels sang, the angels sang.  
In the sky the angels sang  
About the baby Jesus.**

**The shepherds went to see the child,  
See the child, see the child.  
The shepherds went to see the child  
And bowed on their knees.**

**The wise men brought their gifts to him,  
Gifts to him, gifts to him.  
The wise men brought their gifts to him—  
All the way to Jesus.**

**Jesus, we’re so glad you’re here,  
Glad you’re here, glad you’re here.  
Jesus, we’re so glad you’re here.  
We want to give you love.**