



The First Christmas

Jesus is Born Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20; Matthew

Character Trait: Hope

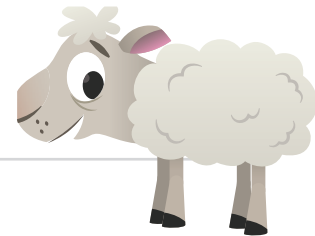
Objectives:

Children will understand that:

- Christmas was the night Jesus was born.
- Jesus is God's only Son.
- Jesus came to bring us hope and peace.

Supplies:

- The First Christmas loaded onto a tablet or phone or in the Bible App for Kids Book of Hope (pages 9-16)
- A ball (suitable for throwing)



Welcome Activity: (5 minutes)

Welcome the children. Ask them to close their eyes and think of a time they spent with someone they loved. Have the children open their eyes. Share that today they'll be learning about Jesus who came to fix our sin problem.



God's Bigger Story:

Sin separates us from God. But God loves us so much that He created a plan to fix our sin problem. God sent His Son Jesus to be our Saviour..



Today's Bible Story:

Show The First Christmas or read the story aloud from the Bible App for Kids Book of Hope.



Discussion: (8 minutes)

- ★ **What Good News did the angel bring to the shepherds?** (*Your Saviour has been born. He's in Bethlehem, lying in a manger.*)
- ★ **Explain that a saviour is someone who rescues someone else from something bad or when they're in trouble. Why did the angel tell the shepherds that their Saviour had been born?** (*Because God had sent His Son, Jesus, to be our saviour. Jesus had come to fix our sin problem.*)



Explain that sin creates a separation between us and God that we cannot repair. Share that thankfully God loved us enough to send Jesus to help.

“Memory Verse:

“The Saviour *(clasp your hands together tightly in the air)*
—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born *(rock your arms back and forth as if cradling a baby)*
today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And this will be a sign *(look up to the sky and point)*
for you; you will find a baby *(arms rocking a baby)*
wrapped in swaddling cloths *(motion your arms as if to wrap a blanket around the baby)*
and lying in a manger.” *(act like you place the baby in the manger).*

Luke 2:11-12



Activity:
(10 minutes)

Have the children sit in a circle. Share that when the ball is tossed to them, they are to share something they remember today’s Bible story, and then toss the ball to someone else. Play the game until each child has had the opportunity to share.



**Character Trait:
Self-Image**

★ **What does sending Jesus to help us say about how God feels about us?**
(It demonstrates just how much God really loves us.)



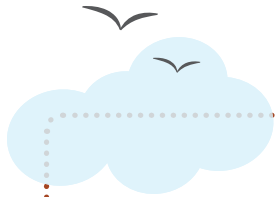
Connect with Others:

Explain that Jesus is our Saviour, a gift from God to help us. Ask the children to think about how they can share the good news of His birth with others?



Prayer:
(2 minutes)

Dear Lord,
Thank You for sending the gift of Your Son, Jesus, to bring us back to You. Help us share your great gift of hope with others so that they may know You, too.
Amen.



Notes
