

**BIG QUESTION**

Why was Jesus born? To save us!

**MONTHLY****Toddler Bible Idea**

Jesus is the Savior.

Unto you is born this day a Savior. (Luke 2:11)

WEEK 1 THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS
(MATTHEW 1:1-17)

The second part of the Bible, the New Testament, starts with a whole list of Joseph's family. That list shows that Jesus was born in a family just as God promised. His family was not perfect, but Jesus is God's Son and came to be with us. Jesus is our Savior!

WEEK 2 JOSEPH AND THE ANGEL
(MATTHEW 1:18-25)

Joseph was going to marry Mary. He learned that Mary was going to have a baby. An angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him that the baby was God's Son. The angel said they should name Him Jesus. Jesus is God's promised Savior, and He came to save everyone! Joseph trusted God and took care of Mary and Jesus.

WEEK 3 JESUS IS BORN
(LUKE 2:1-7)

Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem to be counted. The town was very crowded, and there was no room at the inn. Then it was time for Mary to have Baby Jesus! They stayed in a place where animals were kept and ate. Mary had Baby Jesus and put Him in a manger. Jesus is born! We can celebrate Jesus.

WEEK 4 SHEPHERDS SHARE THE GOOD NEWS
(LUKE 2:8-20)

Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Shepherds were watching their sheep when an angel told them the good news. Many angels appeared and praised God. The shepherds quickly went to see Jesus. Jesus was found just as the angel had said. The shepherds told everyone the good news, "Jesus was born!"

BRITE IDEA:

Jesus brings hope.

ACTIVITY:

Use painter's tape to make a path in your space. Lead toddlers along the path, encouraging them to hop, toddle or walk along it. As they move along the path, call out "freeze" and say all together, "Jesus brings hope!"

BRITE IDEA:

Jesus brings salvation.

ACTIVITY:

Toddlers each hold a colorful scarf while you say, "An angel tells Joseph, Jesus saves!" Encourage toddlers to wave their scarves in the air, moving them up and down or in circles to match the words. Repeat the phrase a few times so the toddlers can join in, helping them feel excited and included while learning that Jesus is God's promised Savior!

BRITE IDEA:

Jesus brings love.

ACTIVITY:

Make a celebration banner together. Cut a large piece of butcher paper and provide decorating supplies such as coloring supplies, stickers, washable ink pads and stamps. Write, "Jesus is Born!" at the top of the butcher paper. Help kids decorate and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

BRITE IDEA:

Jesus brings joy.

ACTIVITY:

Kids can each choose a toy animal and "lead" it along a small path you made. As they walk, encourage them to say loudly and proudly, "Jesus brings joy!" They can wave their free hand, smile, or take little hops while guiding their animal. Repeat the path a few times so every kid gets to move and say the phrase, "Jesus brings joy!"