

c|Life Preschool

Unit 4 Lesson 4:

Heartprint: **I am Precious to God**

Memory Verse: **John 1:3**

December 23-24, 2020

Link to our video large group: <https://youtu.be/qxfzEtrKZJc>

Song: Celebrate! Jesus is Born!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hh5A3y3dppQ&t=47s>

Activity: Little People Nativity Set

Instructions:

Allow children to play with the nativity set. Briefly go over the story like we did in large group.

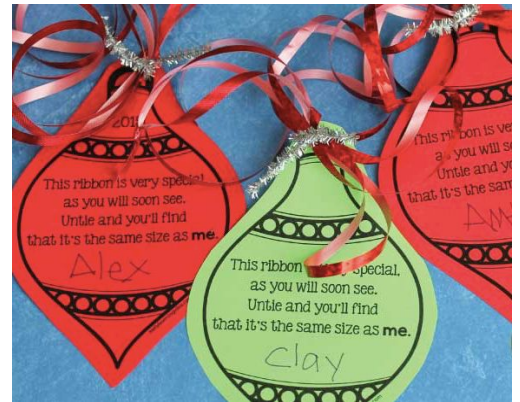
Connection Point:

Today we learned about everything that happened around the time Jesus was born - in a stable with animals, the shepherds, the angel, the wise men, etc. They all came to see the new King, Jesus.

Craft: "Same size as me" Ornament

Items Needed:

- Green Ornament
- Crayons
- Red ribbon
- Scissors
- Silver pipe cleaner
- Hole punch



Instructions:

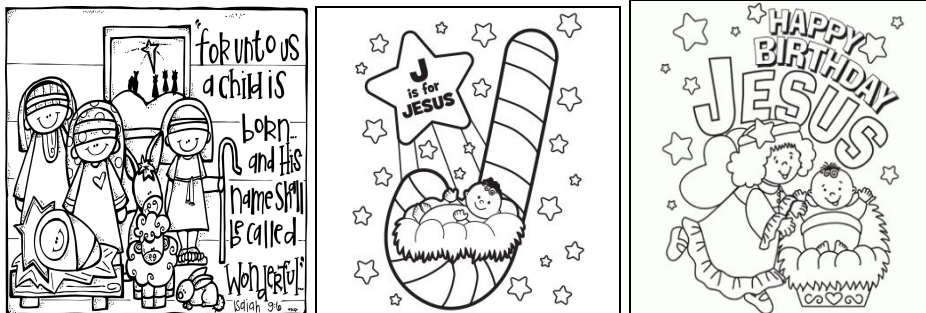
Give each child an ornament. They can color/draw something on the back and write their name on the front. Measure the red ribbon to the height of each child. This is then that child's ribbon. Loop the ribbon and tie it onto the ornament with ½ of a pipe cleaner.

Connection Point:

We have been learning all month that we are precious to God. We are all made by God and made in His image. We get to be part of His family, and God sent Jesus to save us because we are precious to God. He made each one of us special. This red ribbon shows exactly how tall you are right now, so when you look back at this in the years to come, you will see how tall you were in 2020.

Additional color pages:

Color sheets



Bible Lesson: **Jesus is born and the Wise men visit**

Memory Verse: "All things we made through him, nothing was made without him." John 1:3

This week's lesson is taken from Luke 2:1-11, Matthew 2:1-12:

This will be a special service. We have birthday decorations for the large group area (balloons which will need to be blown up, streamers, a banner, etc). We will sing our fun song, go over our memory verse and share the story. We want this to be a birthday celebration and try to steer the conversation away from Santa coming. Our heartprint is: I am precious to God, so please include this and have the children repeat it as much as possible.

Each campus has a Little People Nativity set (some do not have a shepherd, so please grab something to improvise). Have this set up ahead of time in the large group area. After you sing and go over the memory verse, you can pray then pass out snack. Briefly go over the people who play a part in the story of Jesus' birth:

*Angel Gabriel told Mary and Joseph that Mary would have a baby, God's Son, the most special baby and gift ever and would name Him Jesus. Mary and Joseph were precious to God.

*Mary and Joseph traveled a long way with the donkey and couldn't find a room to stay, so Jesus was born in a stable with animals and placed in the manger.

*The shepherds were in the fields with their sheep when the angel appeared, frightened them and gave them good news...Jesus is born! They ran to see Jesus and worship Him. The shepherds were precious to God and were the first to hear about Jesus' birth.

*The wisemen had been watching and saw the new star appear. They knew the new king had been born, so they traveled a long time to find him. They asked King Herod where the new king was. Herod did not know and was not happy, so he told the wisemen to let him know where the new baby was. The wisemen followed the star to find Jesus. They brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They went another way when they left because an angel told them Herod wanted to hurt Jesus. The wise men were precious to God. He let them meet Jesus and bring special gifts to Him.

*God sent Jesus to us because we are precious to God. Let's say, "I am precious to God!" on the count of three. 1...2...3...I am precious to God!

*Now, have the children close their eyes and remove one of the pieces. When they open their eyes, they have to guess who/what is missing. When they discover it, briefly tell what that person/animal did. Then have them close their eyes and remove another piece. Continue as you have time.

Prayer:

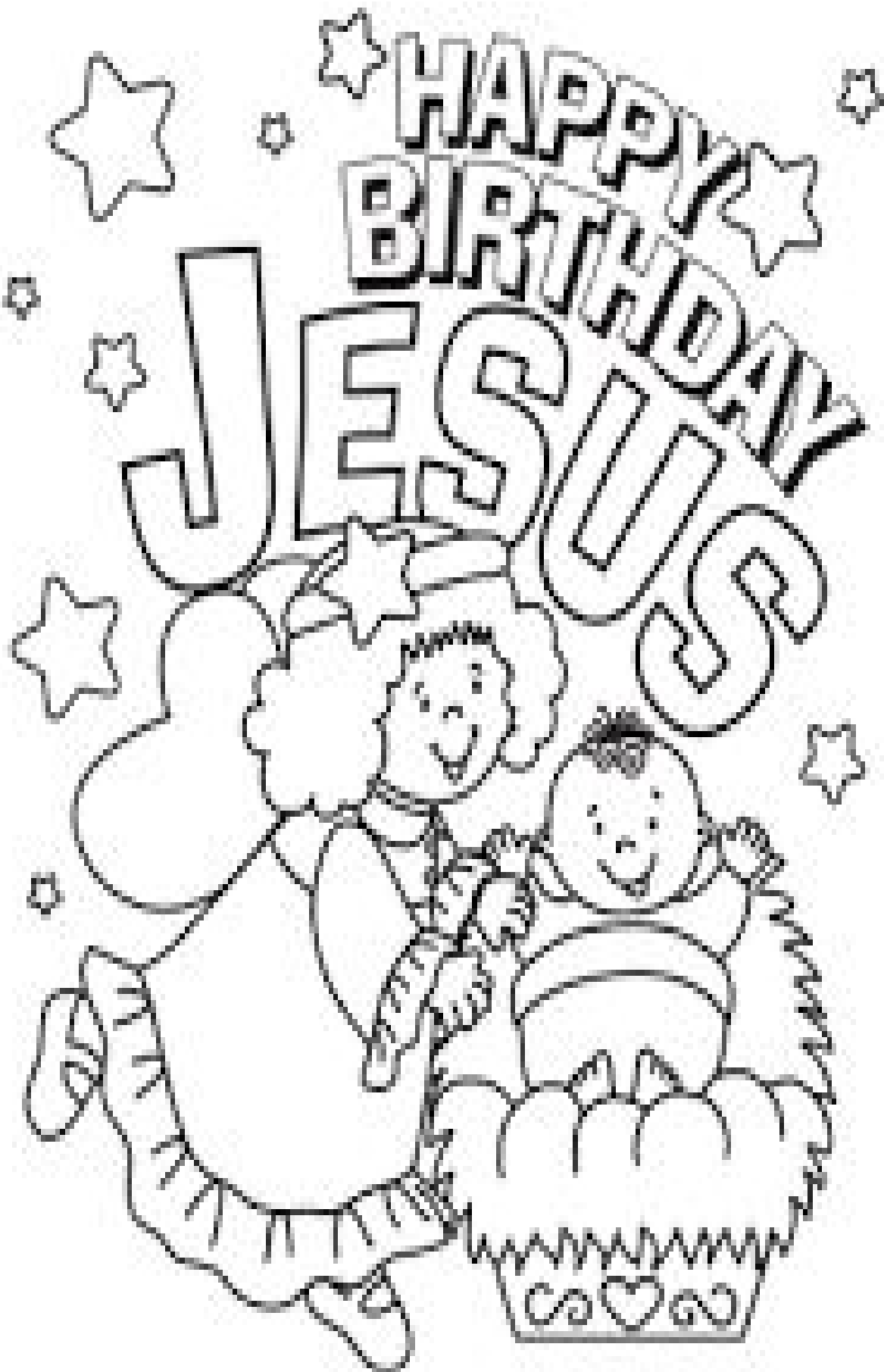
God, thank you so very much for sending Jesus! We thank you that we are precious to you. Thank you for loving us. Happy birthday, Jesus!! In your name we pray, Amen.

Questions:

1. What animal did Mary ride on while going to Bethlehem? (donkey)
2. Where was Jesus born? (In a stable/barn)
3. Who told the shepherds about baby Jesus? (Angels)
4. What did the wise men see in the sky? (A new star)
5. What gifts did the wise men bring? (Gold, frankincense and myrrh [MURR])
6. Whose birthday are we celebrating today? (JESUS!!)







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a child is

born...
and his
name shall
be called

Wonderful!

Isaiah 9:6

