

Toddling Through God's Word: Jesus is Born

"Happy Birthday Jesus" to the tune of "Happy Birthday:

Happy birthday to you. Happy birthday to you.

Happy birthday dear Jesus. Happy birthday to you.

Activity 1: Angel Toilet Paper Tree (Luke 1:26-38)

You Need:

- Toilet paper roll
- Permanent marker
- Yellow construction paper
- White paint
- Paint brush
- White or silver round Christmas ornament
- Scissors
- Glue

Say: "An angel told a girl named Mary that she would have a baby! That baby would be God's Son! The angel said Mary's baby would be named Jesus."

1. Have your child paint the toilet paper roll white.
2. Paint your child's hands with white paint and place hands on the yellow construction paper. The handprints will be the angel's wings. Cut out the handprints.

3. Help your child draw a face on the round Christmas ornament. This will be the angel's head.
4. Assist your child with gluing the Christmas ornament head on the top of the toilet paper roll. Then glue the wings on the back of the toilet paper roll.



Activity 2: Donkey Ride Play (Luke 2:1-5)

You Need:

- Rod or empty Christmas paper roll
- Donkey printable
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Brown Paper bag
- Glue
- Black yarn



Say: "Mary and Joseph traveled a long way. Mary rode on a donkey. Mary was going to be Jesus' mom. Joseph was going to be Jesus' dad."

1. Print the Donkey Printable.
2. Let your child color the Donkey Printable.
3. Help your child cut out the donkey ears, eyes, and tail.
4. Glue the donkey ears, eyes, and tail onto the brown paper bag which will be the donkey's head.
5. Draw a nose on the donkey head.
6. Glue small strands of black yarn onto the tail from the printable.
7. Glue the donkey head and tail onto the rod or empty Christmas paper roll.
8. Pretend to travel to Bethlehem.

Activity 3: Shepherds and Angels (Luke 2:6-18)

You Need:

- Empty Christmas paper roll
- Paper plate
- Yellow paint
- Paint brush
- Scissors

Say: "Baby Jesus was born! Angels told shepherds that Jesus was born! The shepherds found baby Jesus and worshipped Him."

1. Use the empty Christmas paper roll as a shepherd's staff. Teach your child that shepherds took care of sheep. Take turns pretending to be a

- sheep and a shepherd with your child.
2. Have your child paint the paper plate yellow.
 3. After the paint dries, help cutout the center of the paper plate. The outside circle is the halo for the angel.
 4. Take turns pretending that you and your child are an angel and a shepherd.



Activity 4: Wise Men Cookies (Matthew 2:1-12)

You Need:

- Sugar cookie or gingerbread cookie dough
- Gingerbread man and star cookie cutters or a butter knife

Say: "Wise men followed a star to find Jesus. When the wise men found Jesus, they gave Jesus gifts."

1. Help your child roll out cookie dough.
2. Use cookie cutters or a butter knife to cut out three gingerbread men and a star.
3. Bake the cookies according to directions on your recipe.
4. Pretend with your child that your gingerbread or sugar cookie men are actually wise men following the star to find baby Jesus.

Activity 5: Stay and Go (Matthew 2:13-21)

No materials needed.

Say: "In a dream, an angel told Joseph, who was Jesus' dad, to take his family and leave their home. The angel told Joseph to do this so Jesus could be safe. Joseph obeyed and Jesus was safe."

1. Tell your child that when you say "go," you and your child can move, but when you say "stay," you and your child should freeze.
2. Play Stay and Go with your child. Let your child have a turn to be the one to say "go" and "stay."
3. Don't forget to remind your child that an angel told Joseph to go, so that Jesus could be safe while you play!

Donkey Printable

