

Jesus Was Born

Activity: The child designs a manger to recall the birth of Jesus.

Concept

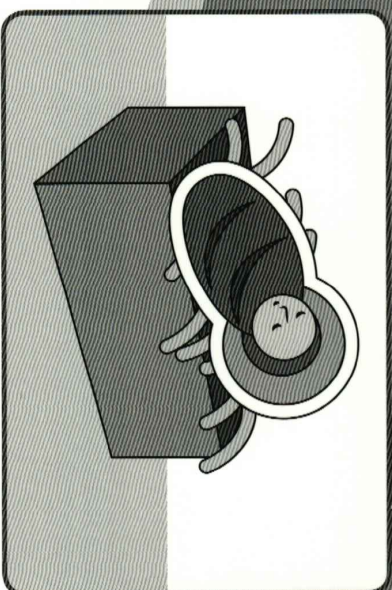
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What You Need

- ▶ photo of the child soon after his or her birth
- ▶ child's birth date
- ▶ art supplies
- ▶ photocopy of Side B of this Lesson Card
- ▶ brown paper lunch bag
- ▶ children's Bible, such as *The Catholic Children's Bible* (St. Mary's Press)
- ▶ yarn cut into strips or Easter grass

At Home

Invite the parents to read Luke 2:1–20 to their child, using the paper-bag manger as a prop for telling the story.



Example

Lesson Steps

1

Opening Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: ***Dear God, on Christmas we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus. Joy to the world; our Savior is born. Help us know and love him with joy in our hearts.*** Pray the Sign of the Cross.

2

Begin with Life Experience

Show the child his or her baby picture. Ask the child to indicate who is in the picture. Say: ***That's right. That's you when you were a baby just after you were born. Jesus was once a baby too.***

3

Connect

With the child by your side, read aloud the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1–20 from a children's Bible. Help the child color the baby Jesus picture on the photocopy of Side B of this card. Follow steps A, B, and C, to help the child assemble the manger. Place the baby Jesus picture in the manger. Say: ***Jesus was born to bring us closer to God.***

4

Closing Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: ***Dear God, thank you for sending your Son Jesus to help and guide us. We love him and know he is always with us.*** Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.

