

CHRISTMAS PARTY

PRESCHOOL LESSON



Need to Know: *Jesus Is God's Gift to Me*
Bible Story: *Jesus Is Born (Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20)*

Circle Up

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1. WELCOME kids to our "Christmas Party", and TELL them how excited you are that they are here.
 2. SAY: *My name is (YOUR NAME), and I will be your leader today! (SHOW gift) We are going to pass this gift around our circle, and when it comes to you, you can tell us your name!*
 3. PASS the gift until everyone has been introduced. Then, SAY:
 - *Do you know why we give each other gifts at Christmas? (Allow responses) We give each other gifts to celebrate the very special gift that God gave to you and me!*
 - *Do you know what that special gift is? (Allow responses)*
 - OPEN the gift, and SHOW **baby Jesus doll**. Then, SAY: *The special gift that God gave us on the very first Christmas was His very own Son, Jesus!*
 - *Let me hear you say this after me: (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)*
Jesus (point up)
Is God's Gift (hold out hands)
To Me (thumbs to chest)
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Read the Bible

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1. SAY: *We can see all about that first Christmas when we look in a book called the Bible!*
 2. HAVE kids get ready to hear the Bible story by clicking on their listening ears and putting on their special eyes.
 3. SHOW and READ the **Bible Story Cards** to the group.
 4. GIVE each child a blank **ornament** and a **sticker sheet**. ALLOW kids to decorate their ornament for about five minutes.
 5. ASK the following questions to review the Bible story as kids make a sticker scene on their ornament:
 - *Where was baby Jesus born? (In a stable) Everybody make sure your ornament has a stable!*
 - *What animals do you think were in the stable when Jesus was born? Put some on your ornament!*
 - *What people were there when Jesus was born? (Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Shepherds) Put them on your ornament, too!*
 - *What was in the sky when Jesus was born? (Stars) You can put stars on your ornament!*
 6. When kids are finished with their ornaments, give them each a **gift bag** to place it in.
 7. **WRITE** kids' names on their **gift bags**.
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Let's Practice

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1. SAY: *Let's play a game to celebrate that Jesus is God's gift to you and me!*
2. HAVE kids take turns closing their eyes and pulling an **Elf Card** from the **gift**.
3. READ the **Card** the child chooses aloud, and ALLOW the group to respond.
4. GIVE kids a **candy cane** as a prize for playing the game, and TELL them to put it in their **gift bag**. They need to wait until they are checked out to eat it.

Memorize It

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1. SAY: *The Bible tells us that God loved us so much that He gave us His only Son, Jesus, to save us from all the wrong things we do! That's why we call Jesus our Savior! Let's try to remember this Bible verse so that we will always know why Jesus is God's gift to you and me.*
 2. SHOW the **Memory Verse Card**, and HAVE kids repeat the verse after you several times.
 - "God (point up)
 - Sent His Son* (pretend to hold a baby)
 - To Be The Savior* (arms stretched out wide)
 - Of The World!"* (make circle with arms above head)
 - 1 John 4:14** (make a book with hands)
 3. PRACTICE the verse by gently passing **baby Jesus** around the group. When a child gets **baby Jesus**, they should say the next word in the verse.
 4. SAY: *I want to give you a gift that will always help you remember that Jesus is God's gift to you, so I have a baby Jesus for each of you to take home!*
 5. GIVE each child a **baby Jesus doll**, and HAVE them place it in their **gift bag** to take home.
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Let's Pray

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PRAY with your group, having them repeat after you in short phrases:

- *Father God, thank you for giving us your Son, Jesus. He is the best gift EVER! Thank you for all the other gifts we will get this Christmas, and thank you for our snacks. Amen!*
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Stay Together

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1. **SANITIZE** hands, and **PASS OUT snacks**.
2. **KEEP** kids engaged until they are checked out by doing the following activities:
 - HAVE them **color** a **Coloring Sheet**.
 - **HELP** them finish decorating their **ornament**.
 - **PLAY** "Reindeer Says". **PUT** your thumbs to your head to give yourself reindeer antlers. Then, **SAY** the following things for kids to do:
 - Gallop in a circle like a reindeer or donkey
 - Rock baby Jesus
 - Reach high for the stars
 - Say "Baaa" like a sheep
 - Clap for Jesus
 - Pretend to give someone a gift
 - Jump for joy
 - Say, "Happy birthday Jesus!"