

Today's Suggested Schedule—December 2025, Week 2

Monthly Bible Story: Jesus is Born • *Luke 2:1-7*

Bible Words: *God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.* (John 3:16 GNT)

Bottom Line: God loves me.

The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible Story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft, you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.

Story Time

- Show It

Craft Time

- Best Gift Headband

Story Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need:

- ☐ Preschool Bible
- ☐ "Story Pictures" Activity Pages

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with Mary and Joseph (*hold up the picture of Mary and Joseph*) and the true story of Christmas. Mary and Joseph traveled a long, long way to the town of Bethlehem.

"Mary was about to have a baby so she may have ridden a donkey. (*Hold up the picture of Mary and Joseph travelling.*) Once Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, they stayed in a place that had a manger. (*Hold up the picture of the manger.*) A manger is something animals eat out of. So there might have been some animals there too! (*Hold up the picture of animals.*) This is where Jesus, God's Son, was born! Mary wrapped Jesus up and laid Him in a manger. (*Hold up the picture of Jesus in the manger.*) Jesus is the best gift ever! God loves us so much that [**Bottom Line**] **God gave us Jesus.** Happy Birthday, Jesus!"

Craft Time

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their adult.



What You Need:

- ☐ “Best Gift Headband” Activity Page
- ☐ Dot markers
- ☐ Self-inking stamps
- ☐ Sentence strips
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Stapler
- ☐ Clear tape
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Glue the cutout to the middle of each child's sentence strip and write their name.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their picture and headband with markers and stamps. Clean hands as needed. Measure each child's headband around their head and staple the ends together with the bend closure facing out. Place a piece of tape over the staple closure. Encourage children to wear their headbands home.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Today in our story, we learned that God gave us a very special gift, **[Bottom Line]** **God gave us Jesus!** Jesus is the best gift! We are going to make a headband to wear home to celebrate Jesus. Use the markers and stamps to decorate your headband. *(Pause.)* Fantastic! Now I'm going to measure it around your head and fasten the ends. *(Measure around their head, staple, and add a piece of tape over the staple closure.)* Put your headbands on and let's sing Happy Birthday to Jesus! *(Sing together with children.)* Yay! Happy Birthday, Jesus! Jesus is the best gift ever! God loves us so much that **[Bottom Line]** **God gave us Jesus.**”