

Babies

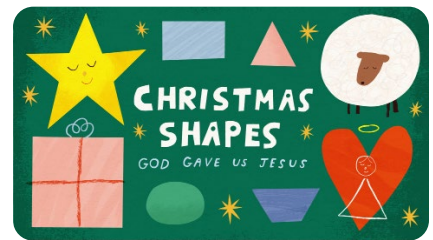
Sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus as you rock or change the baby. Pretend to hold a birthday cake and blow the candle out while you sing.

*"Happy birthday to You,
Happy birthday to You.
Happy birthday to Jesus.
Happy birthday to You."*

Words for Baby

"Baby, Christmas is Jesus' birthday! I'm so glad we get to celebrate Christmas and that God gave us Jesus!"

THIS MONTH
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Bible Story

**"God loved the world
so much that he gave
his only Son."
John 3:16 GNT**

Bottom Line

God gave us Jesus.

Basic Truth

God loves me.

Crawlers

What You Need

- ☐ Jumbo muffin pan
- ☐ Shape Sorter toy
- ☐ Fisher Price® baby Jesus
- ☐ Sticky notes
- ☐ Baby doll
- ☐ Baby blanket

① Lift the Flap

What you do

1. Place one item in each muffin cup; circle, square, heart, and star shapes, and the baby Jesus figure.
2. Cover each cup with a sticky note.
3. Encourage children to lift the flaps and talk about each item as they find them.

What you say

"Look under the flap, what do you see? (*Pull out the item if the child doesn't.*) You found the **[circle/square]**! Look, you found a heart! Hearts mean love! Oh, you found a star! Stars twinkle high in the sky! And you found baby Jesus! This is the time we celebrate Jesus being born! God loves you and me so much that God gave us Jesus!"

② Care for Jesus

What you do

1. Encourage children to take turns taking care of the baby.
2. Rock, hug, and cover the baby with a blanket.

What you say

"Look at this sweet baby doll. Let's pretend this is baby Jesus. Can you help take care of Him and cover Him with the blanket? Babies like to be covered with blankets. Can you rock and hug baby Jesus? Great job! Babies like to be rocked and hugged too. God loves me and God loves you so very much that God gave us Jesus, to be our friend forever."

③ Happy Birthday Jesus

What you do

1. Sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus.

What you say

"Let's sing happy birthday to Jesus. Christmas is Jesus' birthday, and it's time to celebrate. Sing with me. (*Sing 'Happy Birthday.'*) I'm so glad we get to celebrate Jesus' birthday because God loves us so much, God gave us Jesus."

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④ Christmas Shapes

What you do

1. Sit with a few children and play with the shape sorter, identify each shape.
2. Each time they put a heart in, say, "God loves you."

What you say

"Come sit with me and play with this shape sorter toy. Look at these shapes. **(Hold up each shape and identify them. Hold up a heart last.)** These shapes are stars, circles, squares, and hearts! Hearts mean love. Put the shapes in their spot. Here's a heart shape, put this one in the heart shaped hole. **(Pause.)** God loves you! Here's another heart. Can you put a heart in the heart-shaped hole? **(Pause.)** Yay! God loves you! God love us so much that God gave us Jesus!"