Christmas Visitors Activity Pack

These activity pages are brought to you by Group's DIG IN Sunday school.

DIG IN's "Activity Pages With a Point" will do more than keep kids busy. They're designed to challenge minds and make learning stick.

Christmas can be a time to host guests...or be a guest. This Christmas, let's focus on some of the very first Christmas visitors—the shepherds and the wise men! Kids will see how these visitors came to worship Jesus and why Jesus is worthy of our worship, too.





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Keep the Sheep

Activity Description:

Older kids match similar sheep; younger kids color a picture of the Bible story.

Supplies

- "Jesus Is Born" Activity Page (1 per reader)
- "Jesus Is Born" Coloring Page (1 per non-reader)
- pens
- crayons



Don't just distribute the pages! Follow the instructions below for each age group.

OLDER KIDS:

Ask:

Say: Jesus came for us even when we feel like nobodies.

• Tell about a time you felt left out. Share your own example first.

When Jesus was born, there were some shepherds outside watching their sheep at night. They might have felt like nobodies. And one of their sheep feels like a nobody, too! Every sheep on this page has an identical twin except one. Find the matches, and circle the lonely sheep.

Distribute the activity pages and pens. Have kids find the identical sheep.

When you feel alone, just remember that <u>Jesus came for us even when we feel</u> <u>like nobodies</u>. Angels announced Jesus' birth to the shepherds because God loved them so much. And you always have Jesus with you because God loves you so much!

ANSWER KEY: Matching sheep: A-J; B-H; C-G; E-K; F-I; lonely sheep: D

YOUNGER KIDS:

Merry Christmas! I'm so happy Jesus came for everyone! The angels told the shepherds all about Jesus. Let's color that scene as we remember that <u>Jesus came for us even when we feel like nobodies.</u>

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. Allow time for kids to color.

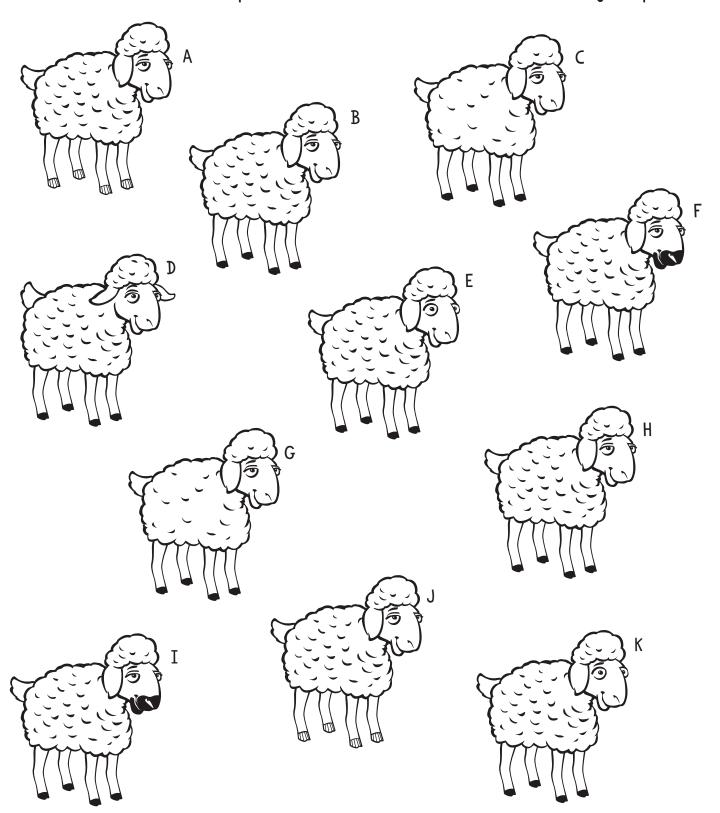




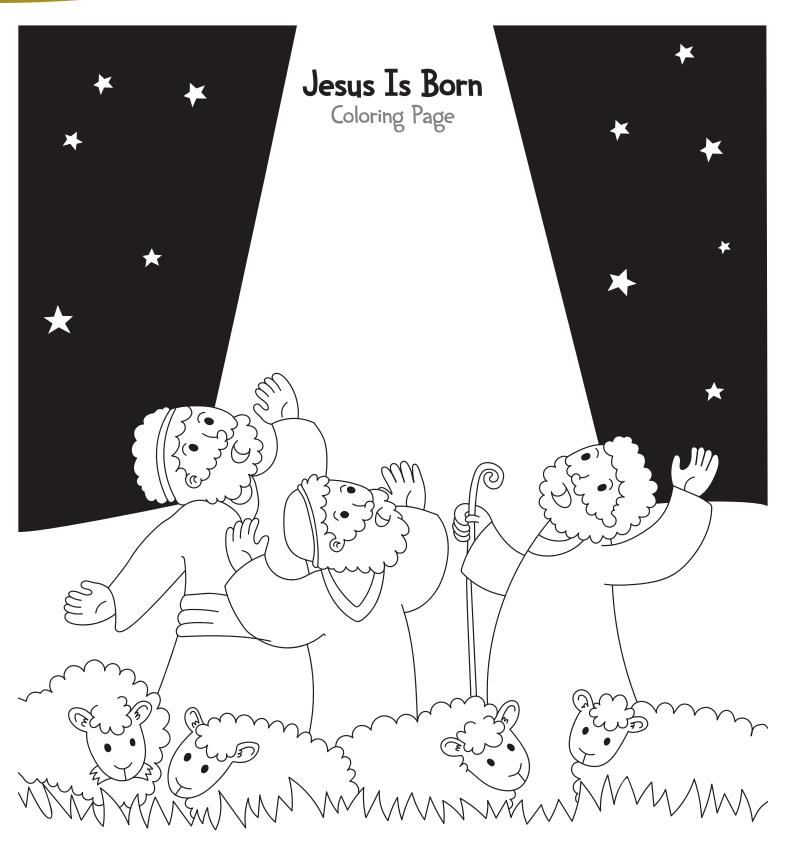
Jesus Is Born

Activity Page

All but one of these sheep has a match. Find the matches and circle the lonely sheep.







Luke 2:1-20: On the first Christmas, God sent his Son, Jesus, as a baby. When baby Jesus was born, the angels announced his birth! But they didn't tell the king or the richest people in town. They told the shepherds-average people. Jesus came for everyone! And <u>Jesus</u> came for us even when we feel like nobodies.



Supplies

- "Jesus, the Light of the World, Is Born" Activity Page (1 per reader)
- "Jesus, the Light of the World, Is Born" Coloring Page (1 per non-reader)
- pencils
- crayons

Tips

- Don't just print and distribute! Follow the instructions for each age group to get the most out of your Activity Pack!
- Be sure to use the questions provided.
- Introduce the pages and debrief kiddos using the content provided in the lesson.
- We've reinvented puzzles, coloring pages, and activity sheets to have a purpose—and that purpose shines through when kids discuss what they experienced, so allow kids to work with a friend!

Follow the Star

Activity Description:

Older kids solve a word search with a hidden star; younger kids color a picture of the Bible story.



OLDER KIDS:

Say:

After Jesus was born, the wise men followed the star so they could go worship Jesus because Jesus is the king. Let's see if you can find the star.

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will find the word *star* in the puzzle—it's there only one time!

Ask:

- What made this puzzle so challenging? Did it trick you at all?
- How do you think the wise men felt when they went to the palace—the wrong place?
- How do you think they felt when they finally found Jesus?

Say:

It might not have sounded that hard to do a word search with only one word hidden—but there were a lot of tricky letters! The wise men followed the star, and even though they went to the wrong place at first, they found the king in the end. <u>Jesus is the king</u>. Other things might try to trick us into giving them more of our attention, but we can remember to keep our focus on Jesus above all else!

ANSWER KEY:

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YOUNGER KIDS:

Say:

<u>Jesus is the king</u>. The wise men knew that, and they followed the star to give Jesus great gifts for a king, even when he was just a baby. Let's color those gifts!

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. Allow time for kids to color.





Jesus. the Light of the World. Is Born

Activity Page



The wise men followed the special star. There's only one word hidden in this word search: STAR. Can you find it?











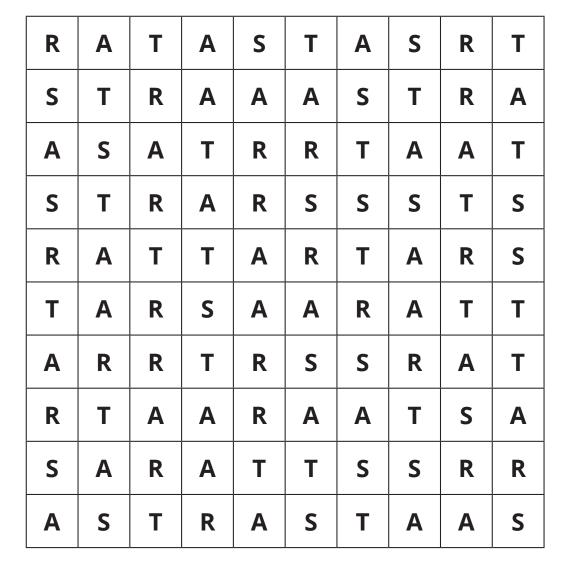
















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Jesus. the Light of the World. Is Born



Matthew 2:1-18: God put a big star in the sky, and some wise men who studied the stars noticed it. God used that star to lead them to Jesus! They knew that <u>Jesus is the king</u>, and they gave him fancy gifts fit for a king.

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