

BABY JESUS

Timeless Truth: Jesus coming to earth is God's plan to save mankind.

Bible Basis: John 1:1–18; Luke 1:26–2:20

Key Verse: [The angel said,] "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord." —Luke 2:11, NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 22: "Baby Jesus"

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 22 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child remember God's gift to us by giving a gift to someone else. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

God sent his Son to save all people. You can trust Jesus to help you too.

TABLE TALK

- **What special baby was born?** (*Jesus, God's Son*)
- **Why did God send his Son?** (*To save all people*)
- **When do we celebrate Jesus' birth?** (*At Christmastime*)
- **What is your favorite part of celebrating Jesus' birth?**

LIVING FAITH

We give gifts at Christmas to remind us that God sent us a gift—his Son. Whatever time of year it is, chose someone to give a gift to. You might chose to fill a shoebox with toys to send to a child around the world, make a plate of cookies for a neighbor, buy some school supplies for a child in need, or give a pair of shoes to an orphan somewhere in the world. Whatever gift you choose to give, make a card to go along with the gift telling about the best gift of all—God's Son!

EXTRA MILE

Act out the Bible story. You might want to make this a tradition and make a recording of the performance each year.

Set out a child's nativity set this week and let your child play with it, retelling the Bible story.

Look at family baby pictures. Talk about the memories you have surrounding children's births.

Use these motions to help your child remember part of the key verse.

A Savior (*Making fists with your hands, cross your wrists in front of your body. Bring them out to shoulder level and open your hands. Then bring your open hands down.*)

Has been born (*Pretend to cradle a baby.*)

to you. (*Point to someone else.*)

Luke 2:11 (*Open hands like a book.*)