



WEEK 2

PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

We can celebrate Jesus' birth.

THE BIBLE

Jesus is Born: Luke 2:1-7

WELCOME TIME

Heroes meet in the Youth Room for worship.

ACTIVITY | Get the Party Started

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide streamers, balloons, and banners to decorate your space for a birthday party for Jesus!
- Today, we are going to decorate for a party! **How many of you have ever had a birthday party?** They are the best! Today, we are going to be talking about the birth of Jesus, so I think we need to throw Jesus a party! Let's decorate and make this place the coolest party room!

TEACHING TIME

THE BIG IDEA | We can celebrate Jesus' birth.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Wrap a baby doll in a blanket. Pass the doll around so each kid has a chance to hold and rock the baby.
- Today, we will be hearing a story about an incredible baby being born. **Does anyone know who that baby might be?** Jesus! That's right! Jesus' birth is so important and is the reason why people celebrate Christmas!
- That reminds me of our Big Idea for this week: **We can celebrate Jesus' birth!**



MAIN EVENT | WEEK 2 PRESCHOOL LESSON

VIDEO | Main Event, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's preschool [teaching video](#). ([Main Event Preschool Week 2 on Vimeo](#))*

SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:1-7

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Wrap the baby doll in a blanket and place it in a manger (you can use a toy crib, box, or anything you have on hand). Have all the kids gather around the baby while you tell the Bible story.*
- In the days before Jesus was born, a man named Caesar Augustus made a law. His law made it so everyone who lived in Rome had to be placed on a list so they would know the name of everyone who lived there. Everyone was told to go to their hometown to be counted and placed on the list. Joseph, Jesus' dad, was from a city called Bethlehem. He and Mary traveled from the town of Nazareth where they lived to the city of Bethlehem. Bethlehem was also known as the town of David.
- Mary's baby was almost ready to be born. While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, the time came for Jesus to be born!
- Mary and Joseph looked all through the town of Bethlehem, but there were no open spots in any inns or hotels for them to stay. A nice farmer told them they could stay in his barn and that Mary could have her baby there. Jesus was born and was wrapped in cloth and placed inside of a manger.
- The story of Jesus' birth is amazing, isn't it? God planned it from the very beginning. God used Mary and Joseph, two people who loved God very much, to bring Jesus into the world. Jesus' birth is the reason why we celebrate Christmas! It is the "Main Event" in God's plan!

ACTIVITY | Wrap Battle

- Today, we have been talking about Jesus' birthday! We can celebrate birthdays by opening presents! Today, we are going to be wrapping up each other to remind us that Jesus is the best present we have ever gotten!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Split the kids into two teams. Give each team wrapping paper and tape. Let them pick one kid from their groups to be wrapped and the rest will do the wrapping. Give them sixty seconds to wrap their friends as best as they can with the wrapping paper! Make sure they don't cover the kids' face and offer help, if they need it.*

PRAYER

- Dear God, thank You so much for giving us the gift of Jesus. Jesus is the best gift we could have ever gotten! Thank You for loving us so much that you sent Jesus to Earth to be here with us!



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DISCUSSION TIME

ACTIVITY | Party Hats

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide one party hat for each kid. Give them stickers to decorate their hats.
- We are going to have the best birthday party ever for Jesus! We have almost everything we need! Let's make some fun party hats to wear for Jesus' birthday party!

MEMORY VERSE | Luke 1:46-47 (NIV)

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a coloring page along with crayons, markers, or colored pencils. Remind them of today's story, memory verse, and Big Idea as they color!

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.