



**Bible Story:** How He Loves (Jesus Is Born) • **Luke 2:1-7**

**Bottom Line:** God loved us so much that He gave us a Savior.

**Memory Verse:** *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, he is the Messiah, the Lord.*  
Luke 2:11 (NIV)

**Life App:** Christmas—Celebrating Jesus, God’s greatest gift

### **Bible Story** [Talk About God | Bible Story]

**What You Need:** Bible, paper, markers

**What You Do:** Read **Luke 2:1-7**

- As you’re reading, have kids draw out the scene based on only what you hear in the Bible.
- Instruct kids not to add details they’ve heard from movies or books. This project should only reflect the story as it’s told in the Book of Luke.
- Today, the main characters and details are Mary and Joseph, the baby Jesus, a manger, in the town of Bethlehem.

### **Discussion Questions** [Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

[For Older Kids]

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

**Ask:**

- What’s the gift you’re most excited about giving this year?
- What could you give that isn’t a “thing”?
- Why did God send Jesus for us? Why did we need a Savior?
- Can you explain how much God loves you? How do you know God loves you?

“You may have heard the Christmas story a hundred times by now, but that doesn’t make it any less amazing because it was the most incredible thing that ever happened. Jesus is the ultimate example of God’s love for us, and that’s why we celebrate Christmas! **[Bottom Line] God loved us so much that He gave us a Savior.** **[Make It Personal] (Share with the kids how you know Jesus loves you and how He became your Savior.)**”

## The Very Best Gift [Live for God | Application Activity]

**What You Need:** Paper plates, and pencils

**What You Do:**

- Give each kid a paper plate and a pencil.
- Instruct kids to place the paper plate on their head and draw a picture of something they want for Christmas this year.
- Give kids two minutes to draw.
- As they finish, let the kids show their drawings to the rest of the group to see if they can guess what it is.
- Repeat until everyone has a turn to share their drawings.
- If time permits, turn plates over and play a second round. This time have kids draw something they are going to GIVE someone else.
- **Ask:** Why is it so fun to receive a gift, even if it's a small gift?

**What You Say:**

"I know you look forward to giving and receiving gifts this year. But no matter what may be under your tree this year, remember God gave the most amazing gift of all! He gave a Savior – Jesus, to the WHOLE world to show just how much He loves us."

"On Christmas day when you open gifts, remember to take time to think about how much God loves you. Celebrate the greatest gift you have ever been given—Jesus."

**Close in prayer:**

"Thank You, God, for giving us the greatest gift. You loved us so much that you sent Your only Son to be our Rescuer—to save us from our sins so that we could be part of Your family forever. Thank You for giving us such an amazing reason to celebrate at Christmas. In the midst of our busy day on Christmas, remind us to take a moment to thank You for all You have given us. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

"Remember this Christmas that **[Bottom Line] God loved us so much that He gave us a Savior.**"