



My Awesome God Christmas Story Booklet

My Awesome God: *The Christmas Story* is a great accompaniment to your Christmas celebrations. You can incorporate it into an outreach ministry, "Jesus' birthday" party, or even use the stories as narration for a Nativity pageant. Below, find suggested activities to accompany the individual readings.

The Surprise: *An Angel Visits Mary*

Ask your kids, "What are some things God asks you to do?" Then ask, "Is there anything God asks you to do that you think is impossible?" Read Luke 1:37. Remind the kids that whenever God asks them to do something, He will provide the strength, time, and money they need to accomplish it. Hand out paper and markers or crayons. Have the children write down one thing God has told them to do. Underneath that, have them write, "I am God's servant. I will do what He wants, because He can do anything." If you have extra time, let kids decorate their papers. Encourage the students to display their papers at home so they remember to obey God's commands.

God's Son: *An Angel Visits Joseph*

Bring out a baby doll. Talk to it, ask if it wants a pacifier, blanket, etc. Act confused that the baby isn't wiggling around or making noise. Ask, "Is this baby a normal baby?" When kids respond, "No," ask them how they know.

Then ask, "Was Jesus a normal baby?" Explain that Jesus cried and needed food and sleep and love like a normal baby, but that He was special because He was God's Son! Invite children to think of differences and similarities between Jesus as a baby and themselves (or their siblings) as babies. Remind them that the main difference is that Jesus was God!

The Journey: *The Couple Travels to Bethlehem*

Ask your kids when they have gone on a long or difficult trip. Then take the kids on a "journey to Bethlehem." Say "We need to get to Bethlehem before Mary has a baby. Will God keep us safe? YES!" Walk quietly through halls—or outside if weather permits—and other rooms. Tell the kids that Joseph and Mary had to walk all day long for several days to reach Bethlehem. Even though they had to walk far when Mary was about to have a baby, God kept them safe!

Happy Birthday! *Jesus is Born*

Ask your children how they like to celebrate their birthdays. Then have a birthday party for Jesus! Bring in birthday decorations, play Christmas music about Jesus' birth, and serve cake and ice cream (be aware of potential food allergies). Before you eat, thank God for sending His only Son to be born so we could live with Him. Then sing a happy birthday song to Jesus!

The Savior: *Shepherds Visit the Baby*

Lead your kids in singing "Angels We have Heard on High." Explain that the phrase "In excelsis Deo" is Latin for "Glory to God in the highest!"

Have children cut out the angel outline provided on the next page (for younger kids, you may want to cut out the angels beforehand). Have each child write on his or her angel one reason to praise God. If time allows, let the children decorate their angels. Then use tape (or a hole punch) to string the angels from the ceiling. End by singing "Angels We have Heard on High" again.

Bless You! *Simeon and Anna Praise God*

Invite your children to think of ways they can praise God. Pick several things from the list and do them to thank God for sending His Son to save the world. If you have a large number of children, consider setting up several "praise stations" with activities like drawing, molding play-dough, and singing and dancing to a Christmas song that praises God, such as "Joy to the World," or "Angels We have Heard on High." Remind the kids to do the activities as a way to thank God for sending Jesus. Before the children move to each station, pray together to thank God for letting people praise Him!

The King: *Wise Men Bring Gifts*

Read Matthew 25:40 to your children. Explain that when we give gifts to people who need them, we are really giving to God. Help the kids make and decorate Christmas cards about Jesus' birth to give to residents of a local nursing home. (Call the nursing home beforehand to set up a way to give the cards). Remind the kids that when they give their cards to the residents, they are also giving the cards to Jesus for His birthday!

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Angel Outline

