

Here We Come!

As each child arrives, greet them with the words, "He's/She's here! He's/She's here! Look everybody, (name of child) is here!" Clap and cheer for the newcomer. When all have arrived, offer prayer thanking God for each one who came to class.

Scripture Words and Worship

We are happy when we see our friends or family members. We are glad we know them and that they are part of our lives. God feels the same way about Jesus. God loves Jesus more than we can imagine. But God also loves each of us more than we can imagine. God sent Jesus from heaven to earth so we could get to know them both better. Print the words of the scripture on a cutout of a world and a picture of Jesus.

Story Talking

The birth of baby Moses had to be kept a secret while there was danger. But when he grew up, he became a helper for the Hebrew people. Jesus came to earth as a baby, too. Let the children tell you what they know about the birth of Jesus.

Jesus' mother and father knew he was special. Some others did, too. But not everyone knew who Jesus really was and that God had sent him. There is a story in Matthew 16:13–20 where the disciples finally realize Jesus is the Messiah sent from God.

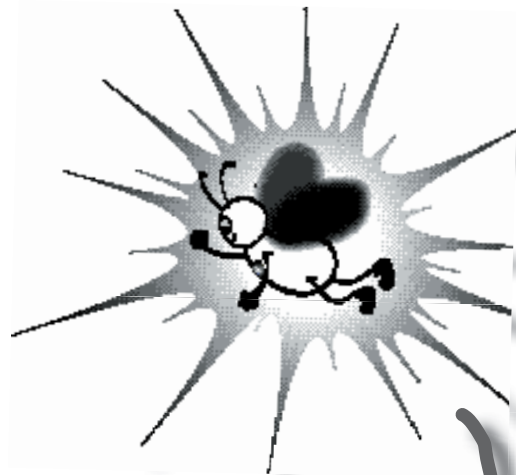
Once we know who Jesus is, it is important to tell others. We can share stories about Jesus with people who haven't yet heard them. Let the children tell stories of the life and ministry of Jesus. Use pictures, clues, or other hints to help them recall stories they have heard.

Moving Music

- "Jesus Loves Me"
- "We're Not Too Small" (page 22)
- "I'm Gonna Sing" (below)

I'm Gonna Sing

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the song "I'm Gonna Sing". The first staff is the melody, the second is the bass line, and the third is the lyrics. The lyrics are: "I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says 'Sing.' I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says 'Sing.' I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says 'Sing.' And obey the Spirit of the Lord." Below the lyrics are the numbers: "2. Stop . . . 3. Freeze . . . 4. Pray . . . 5. Sing . . .".



Declare the Messiah

God sent Jesus to teach us how to love.

Scripture Words

God loved the world and sent Jesus to us.
—John 3:16 adapted

Live and Learn

Whenever God needed something special done, a baby was born. Our scriptures tell us about the birth of many babies who grew up to be leaders or helpers for God. The story of Moses as a baby is found in Exodus 2:1–10. Focus on the family support available to this baby.

- The Hebrew people had been living in Egypt for many years. Their families had grown large.
- In one of the families there were four members: The father was named Amram. The mother was Jochebed. The two children were Aaron and Miriam.
- But Jochebed was expecting a baby. Soon a little son was born into the family.
- The family loved the new baby very much. But the new king in Egypt didn't like the Hebrew people. The new baby was in danger.
- Jochebed thought of a way to keep her baby boy safe. She made a special basket for him that would float on water. She carried the baby and basket down to the river and hid it among the tall reeds and grasses.
- Miriam stayed close by to watch over her baby brother.
- One day she heard voices and ducked out of sight. She could see women from the king's palace coming down to the river to take a bath.
- Just then her baby brother began to fuss and cry. The daughter of the king heard the sound and sent her maid to see what it was.
- The maid came back carrying the basket and baby. "It must be one of the Hebrew children," she said.
- The princess smiled. "He looks so tiny and helpless. I will take care of him, and I won't let anything happen to him."
- Miriam slipped out of her hiding place. "Please," she began, "I know where you can get someone to take care of the baby for you. Would you like me to get her?"
- The king's daughter said, "Yes, do that."
- Miriam ran as fast as she could to tell her mother. They were so glad the baby would be safe and cared for.
- "Mother, she called him 'Moses' but that's not the name we gave him."
- "Moses is a good name for him now," said Jochebed. "It means 'I drew him out of the water.' And that's exactly what the princess did."

Sense-ations

Give each child a copy of the baby in the basket (page 53). The children can color the picture. Provide pieces of flannel or baby blanket material approximately 4" x 5" for the cover. Glue one side of the blanket along the top of the basket so it falls down to cover the sleeping baby. By making the width four inches, the baby's head will still show. To completely hide the baby under the blanket, add two and a half inches.

Up and at 'Em

Pretend to run to the river, hide, and run back.

There We Go

Encourage the children to share stories about baby Moses and baby Jesus with family and friends.

A baby was born.

Exodus 2:2



A baby was born. He was baby Moses. His mother loved him. His father loved him too. Sister Miriam and brother Aaron loved baby Moses. But most of all, God loved him. And God loves _____ too.

(child's name)