



# CHRISTMAS

TODDLER ACTIVITY | LESSON 1

## NATIVITY STORY BAG PLAY

In this activity, the children will bring the craft they made to life. As the kids play, they will remember the Christmas story from the Bible. They will know that Christmas is all about Jesus.



## DIRECTIONS

### PREP BEFORE ACTIVITY

1. Each child makes their own Nativity Story bag craft.

### DURING THE SERVICE

1. Gather the kids around in smaller groups with their leaders.
2. Have the kids hold up and name each character stick.
  - *Can you find baby Jesus? Let's say, Jesus!*
  - *Can you find Jesus' mommy and daddy? Their names are Mary and Joseph!*
3. Next, help the children identify the different images on their bags from today's Bible story.
  - *Can you find a barn? Jesus was born in a barn.*
  - *Can you find a star? There it is. Some wise men followed a star right to baby Jesus.*
  - *Can you find a sheep? What sound does a sheep make? Angles told the shepherds that Jesus was born!*
4. Allow the kids to play with their Nativity Bags. As they do, encourage them to do different things that remind them of the Bible story. For example, move Mary and pretend she is riding on a donkey.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED



Nativity  
Story Bag  
(craft)

## BIG IDEA

**God wants to be my friend.**