



CHRISTMAS

TODDLER CRAFT | LESSON 1

NATIVITY STORY BAG

In this craft, the children will create character sticks of baby Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This will help remind them of the story of Christmas when Jesus was born! Jesus is God's Son who was born to be our friend.

DIRECTIONS

PREP BEFORE SERVICE

1. Print out the Nativity Story Characters printable on white cardstock.
2. Print out one set of the Bag Stickers printable for each child.
3. Cut out one set of the each of the printables for each child.
4. Have tape, crayons, craft sticks (3 per child), extra small gift bags, glue, and printables ready for the leaders.

DURING THE SERVICE

1. Pass out the printables for the children to color.
2. After coloring, help the children tape a craft stick to the back of each character piece.
3. Give each child a gift bag, saying, *Jesus is God's gift to us. He is the best present ever. That's why we have these special gift bags to remember that Jesus is our present!*
4. Allow the kids to glue the stickers to their bag.
5. While they do, discuss the talking points:
 - *Who is this family?* Baby Jesus, Mary (Jesus' mommy), and Joseph (Jesus' daddy).
 - *Jesus was born to be your friend. Point to each child and say, God wants to be your friend, [child's name].*



SUPPLIES NEEDED



Nativity
Story
Character
printable



Bag
Stickers
printable



Extra small
gift bags



Crayons



Glue



Scissors



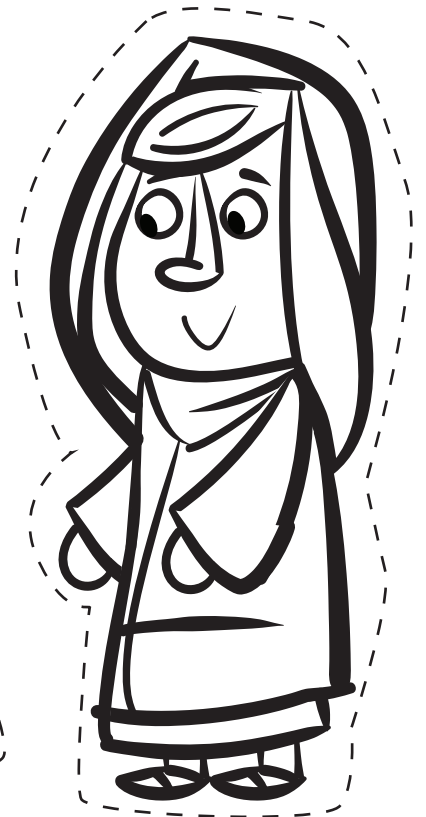
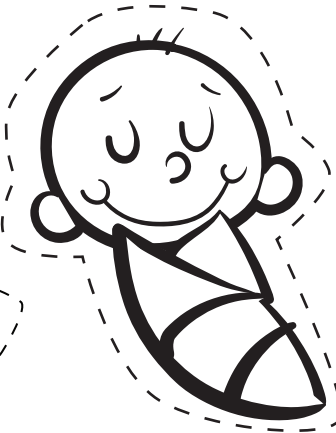
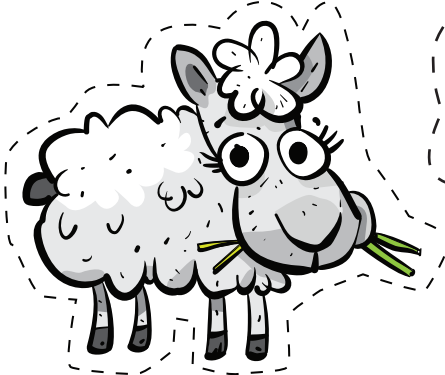
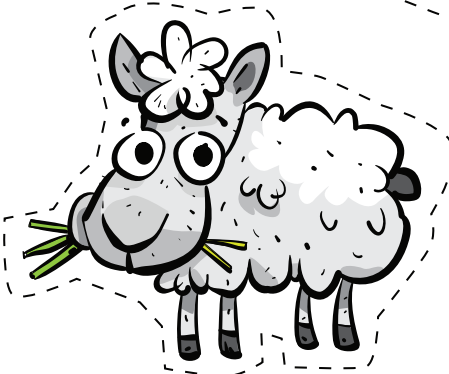
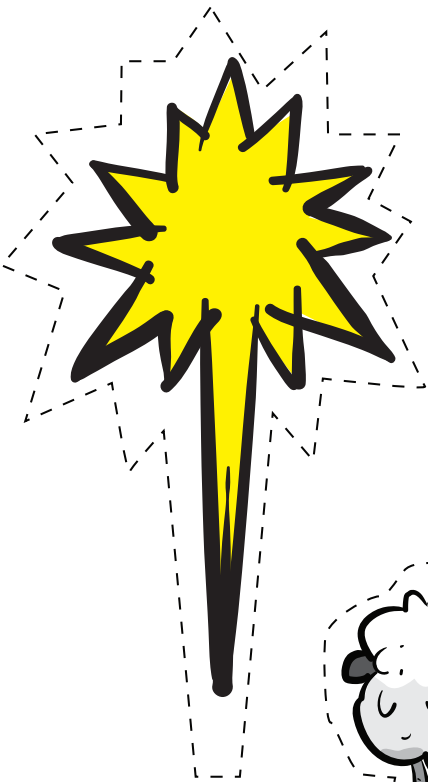
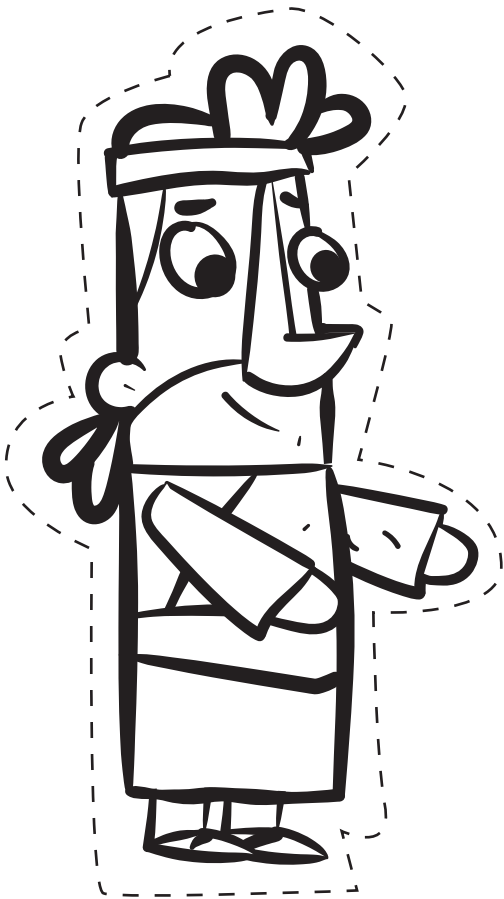
Craft
sticks



Tape

BIG IDEA

God wants to be my friend.



**Saddleback
Kids**