

LESSON 16

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-2,11

Mary and Joseph went on a long trip to Bethlehem. The only place to sleep was in a stable. During the night, Mary's son, Jesus, was born. He slept in a manger, and an angel told the shepherds where to find Jesus. They went to see this special baby who was God's Son.

God put a bright star in the sky over Bethlehem, to show where baby Jesus was. Some wise men followed the star, and brought presents to Jesus.

ACTIVITY

Use dark blue paper for the sky. Cut shapes of buildings from black paper. Paste a star in the sky.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Make a collage picture of the manger. Use pop sticks, toothpicks, straw, etc.

Glitter a star and thread onto ribbon or cord to wear as a necklace. Alternatively, make a star mobile.

Use a matchbox for the manger. Line with tissue paper or a small piece of material and find a picture of a baby to place inside. Make a cover for the baby.

Make sheep out of cardboard covered with cotton wool, using the pattern at the back of the book. Make pipe cleaner shepherds to watch over them.

The Birth of Jesus

A star led the wise men to Jesus.

