



BIG IDEA

Jesus is the king of kings.

GOD STORY

Jesus Is Born! (Matthew 1:18–25)

KEY VERSE

Jesus is the greatest king of all. (Paraphrased from Revelation 17:14)

1 | Start

SUPPLIES

- Nativity Scene activity page
- Wall-safe tape
- Jesus cutouts
- Maze
- Pencil

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Hang the Nativity Scene activity page at the children's eye level.
- Place loops of tape on the backs of the Jesus cutouts.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Explain that the maze shows Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. That's where Jesus was born in a stable!
- Help the children follow the maze and let them know that today's Bible story is about Jesus' birth.
- Gather around the Nativity Scene activity page.
- Point out that Jesus is missing from the scene!
- Guide the children to take turns sticking Jesus cutouts onto the picture. Direct them to close their eyes and see how close they can get Jesus to the spot where he's missing in the scene.
- To wrap up, remind everyone that Jesus was a very special baby. **Jesus is the king of kings!**

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Wall-safe tape
- (Optional) Green construction paper or small evergreen tree
- Circle cutouts
- Colouring supplies (e.g., crayons, markers, etc.)

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- If you have not yet created a Christmas tree prayer wall to use throughout this series, tape a tree outline on a wall, or, if you'd prefer, make one out of construction paper or even use a small tree!

TIP

- Keep the Christmas tree prayer wall up to use each week.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use the circle cutouts to make three new prayer ornaments to hang on the tree each week.
- Refer to the prayers printed on the circles as your family prays together.



4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Cardstock
- Christmas cutouts
- Glue sticks
- Colouring supplies (e.g., crayons, markers, etc.)

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each child a piece of cardstock and a Christmas cutout.
- b. Set out the other supplies for them to share.
- c. Direct the children to glue their cutout onto their cardstock (see sample craft photo below).
- d. Encourage everyone to decorate their cards.
- e. Guide the children to decide who to give their card to. Help them write the recipient's name and sign their own name inside their card.
- f. While they work on their cards, review the story and remind them that **Jesus is the king of kings**.



5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign
- Wall-safe tape
- Chairs
- String
- Key Verse words
- Clothes pegs

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Hang the Key Verse sign where everyone can see it easily.
- Tie the string between two chairs and position them close to the sign.
- Mix up the Key Verse words and place them on one of the chairs.

TIP

- The string does not have to be tied to chairs—place it wherever works well in your space. This activity is repeated each week, so you could choose an area where the Key Verse banner is left on display.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Review the Key Verse for this series (Revelation 17:14).
- b. Work together to put the words in order. Refer to the sign if needed.
- c. Use the clothes pegs to clip the words onto the string and create a banner.
- d. Read the completed verse out loud together.