

December 16-22 Christmas

"GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY"

Lesson Plans for the 2020 Come, Follow Me Book of Mormon study will be found on www.comefollowmekid.com

1. Babies- Show pictures of babies we know that were born (cousins, friends, maybe find pictures of Mom/Dad/Grandparents when they were babies as well). It could be fun to see if they can guess which baby picture is Mom's, Grandma's, Dad's, Grandpa's, etc. Talk about how special each of those babies is. Then show a picture of baby Jesus. What made His birth special? How was it the same/different from the births of these other babies?
 - Show picture of The Nativity below and ask them to tell you what they remember about this story.
2. Nativity Ornaments with Scriptures– Cut out the Nativity ornaments. Take turns pulling them out of a bowl/bag. As they're pulled out, read the scriptures on the ornament and discuss how that part of Christ's birth made His birth so special.
 - Could also use this story from *The Friend* to teach about Simeon and Anna:
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/2019/12/jesus-was-born?lang=eng>
3. Movie – Watch "The Christ Child: A Nativity Story" <https://youtu.be/yXWoKi5x3lw> .
or "The Nativity" <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/media-library/video/2012-06-1470-the-nativity?lang=eng>
4. Nativity Acting/Teddy Bear Theater – Act out the Nativity story while Mom/Dad read and/or summarize the Nativity story from Luke 2. If you're like us and don't have enough kids to act out all of the parts, you can use "Teddy Bear Theater" props from the Jan.14-20 lesson to have them use stuffed animals to act out the story <https://emiscrafty.files.wordpress.com/2019/01/cfm1.pdf> (you'll have to scroll down to it because there were a few weeks lumped together in that download).
5. Waiting for Christmas story from The Friend – Tell them to listen carefully to this story to hear what Jacob thinks is the best part of Christmas <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/2018/12/waiting-for-christmas?lang=eng> .
6. Christmas Songs/Wreath Coloring – Share/discuss this quote from Craig C. Christensen: "Christmas is not only a celebration of *how* Jesus came into the world but also of knowing *who* He is – our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ- and of *why* He came."
 - Review who Christ is, why He came into the world, and why He's important to us. Read/discuss/summarize 3 Nephi 27:13-16 and Alma 7:10-13.
 - Share/discuss this quote from President Gordon B. Hinckley: "*The babe Jesus of Bethlehem would be but another baby without the redeeming Christ of Gethsemane and Calvary, and the triumphant fact of the Resurrection.*"
 - Listen to Christmas songs from the Primary Children's Songbook/Hymnbook while coloring the ornaments and then glue them onto the wreath.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXaEsXRe6SRCdAd1dZiEfZBTrsy7Tlw0>
 - The family manual suggests, "Ask family members to look for details in the Nativity story that give them ideas for ornaments or decorations they could make to remind them of Jesus Christ." On the back/sides of the wreath, have them color additional pictures of Christ (or write their favorite quotes about Him if you have older kids).
7. Rice Krispies Wreath- Make these <https://savingslifestyle.com/rice-krispies-wreaths/> . Review parts of the Nativity story or list reasons why Christ is important to us while putting M & M's on the top.

Additional Ideas:

Printable 3D Nativity Scene:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/ldsorg/children/resources/topics/christmas/The-Wondrous-Nativity-LI-2008-12.pdf>

A Week for the Christmas Story from *The Friend* (Scriptures, songs, and pictures to do each day during the week before Christmas): <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/ldsorg/children/resources/topics/christmas/A-Week-for-the-Christmas-Story-2006-12-friend.pdf>

Shadow Box Puppets with a Christmas Script: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/1988/12/sharing-time-two-witnesses-of-jesus-birth?lang=eng>

Nativity Matching Game with facts: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/2007/12/nativity-figures-and-facts?lang=eng>

More Great Ideas: <https://www.theredcrystal.org/post/come-follow-me-december-16-22-good-tidings-of-great-joy-christmas>

Support Articles and Activities from *The Ensign*: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2019/12/come-follow-me-new-testament-support-articles-and-activities/christmas?lang=eng>



The Nativity, by Brian Call

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