

# **Christmas: Outcomes and activities**

## **God is Lord and King Year 2**

### **Spiritual Awareness**

At Christmas we celebrate Jesus who God sent into the world to save us. Through His birth and death, we have eternal life and peace with God. He is our redeemer.

### **Our response to 'God is Lord and King'**

Because God is Lord and King I will...

Ask Jesus to forgive me for my sin

Invite Him to live in my life

Make Jesus Lord of my life

Live with Him forever

Thank Him for what He did on the cross

Thank Him that I am His child

Tell others that they can have eternal life

### **Bible references:**

#### **Bible stories and passages**

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-40 – The Birth of Jesus

Matthew 2:1-12 – The Visit of the Magi

Luke 2: 8-20 – The shepherds and the angels

Matthew 1 – Descendants of David through Jesus Christ

Numbers 24:17 – Star of Jacob, Star of David

#### **Memory verses**

Luke 2:11 – For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

Matthew 1:21 – “Mary will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.”

Isaiah 9:6 – A child is born to us! A Son is given to us! And He will be our ruler. He will be called “Wonderful”, “Counselor”, “Mighty God”, “Eternal Father”, “Prince of Peace”.

Isaiah 26:3 You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you.

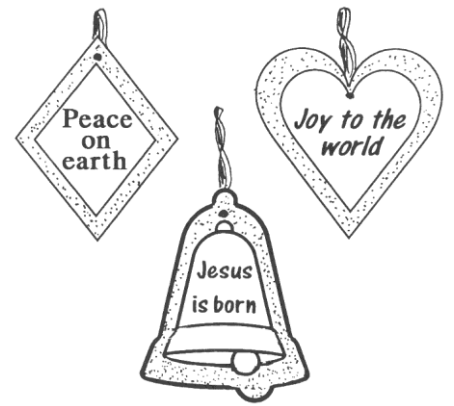
## Art Year 2

God is Lord and King

Topic: Christmas

**Biblical connection:** God sent His son, Jesus into the world to be Lord and King in the lives of people.

**Bible art as a wall display:** The Christmas story



Thinking Skills Lord & King

<p><b>Christmas 1</b></p> <p>Give 10 completely different uses for a Christmas tree ball.</p>	<p><b>Christmas 2</b></p> <p>Write down 10 presents you know you will NEVER receive at Christmas.</p>
<p><b>Christmas 3</b></p> <p>Name 5 things that are the same about a Christmas cake and a choir.</p>	<p><b>Christmas 4</b></p> <p>Add to this shape to make a manger scene.</p> <p><math>\pi</math></p>
<p><b>Christmas 5</b></p> <p>Make a manger using:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• boxes</li><li>• construction paper</li><li>• paint</li></ul>	<p><b>Christmas 5</b></p> <p>The answer is</p> <p><b>“King Jesus”.</b></p> <p>Make up 5 questions.</p>

# Christmas Activities from *Focus on the Family*

## Character Cards

At Christmas time, you can create birthday cards for Jesus, and as our “gift” to Him. The family can try to show the fruit of the Spirit in their lives, (Galatians 5:22-23). For one child it might be patience, for another self-control. You can brainstorm situations and actions that strengthen our patience, such as waiting for a turn, or self-control in sharing belongings without becoming angry.

## A Crib of Kindness

Make a manger out of a box. Each time your children does something to be praised, such as a good deed, obeying, or praying for others, he or she can put a soft piece of cotton in the manger. Talk about how Jesus wants us to do kind things for others because doing so helps soften our hearts to love others.

## Names of Jesus

Cut out stars from card and write “Jesus is ...” on each one. Then write words that describe Jesus, such as “Savior,” “Emmanuel” and “Prince of Peace.” For family devotions that night, talk about the different names of Jesus. Creating these stars to decorate the kitchen is a great way to engage children in remembering the character of Jesus.

## The Gift of Scripture

Ask your immediate and extended family to select a Scripture that meant something to them during the course of the year. On Christmas morning, take turns reading the chosen verses or passages and sharing why it was important to you.

## Finding Jesus

“Find the baby Jesus” is a game that can be played. Set up a Nativity scene in the kitchen on Dec. 1. Then hide a figure of baby Jesus far from the kitchen. The children have to find baby Jesus. As Christmas approaches, the figure can be hidden in progressively closer locations.

## Ideas for Serving Others This Christmas Season

We’re called to humbly serve other people — not only the poor and sick, but our families, friends and neighbors, too. Ask your children to come up with ideas on how to serve others – family, close friends, neighbours and the community. Put the ideas on slips of paper and put them into a jar, then pull out an idea each day.

# Christmas Play: Jesus the healer

This play is mimed. The only spoken voice is the narrator.

Three musical recordings will be needed, from Handel's Messiah CD:

1. He shall feed his flock
2. I know that my redeemer lives
3. Every valley

## **OPENING SCENE:**

*Joseph stands with Mary by his side. She is kneeling and holding baby Jesus.*

*Shepherds are at the side of the stage. The angel appears at the appropriate time in the following narration:*

**Narrator:** "Joseph and Mary travelled from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, to register their names on the census, as required by the government. While they were there, the time came for Mary's the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

When the angel had left, the shepherds immediately went to the town to find the baby."

**Music: *And He shall feed His flock.***

*During this piece, the shepherds make their way towards Mary and Joseph. They kneel down and admire baby Jesus. One brings a lamb and place it down. They then take their place near Joseph and Mary as part of a nativity set, in a frozen position.*

**Narrator:** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled. He had heard of the Scriptures foretelling the birth of a ruler in the town of Bethlehem. He said to the wise men:

“Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.”

After talking to Herod, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him, and presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Then, being warned by God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.”

***Music: I know that my redeemer lives***

*Wise men come and present gifts. At end of song, they exit stage. Then Mary, Joseph and shepherds exit.*

## **SCENE 2**

*Nativity set is now off stage. Jesus as a man is centre stage.*

**Narrator:** And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them.

***Music: Every Valley***

*While music is playing, one by one, people come to Jesus, who heals them. First, a blind man feeling his way with a stick; then someone who is deaf; then a lame person with a walking stick; then a person who is crying with sadness. Once Jesus heals them, one by one, they walk off stage.*

## **FINALE**

While music is still playing, all the people who are healed come back on stage and praise God. Fade music.

## **THE END**