when you PLAY

If you don't already own one, consider purchasing a non-breakable (or even toy) nativity set. Let your child use the objects in the set to tell you the story of Jesus' birth.

when you DRIVE

As you purchase and wrap Christmas presents, talk about what giving means, that we give to people to show our love for them. Remind your little one that Jesus is the best gift we ever received!

when you RELAX

Play or sing Christmas music and read Christmas books together as your child gets ready for bed. As you tuck him in, remind him of the incredible way God has shown His love for us.

PARENT TIME

Isn't December a beautiful time of year? The decorations, the music, the smells of yummy baked treats all come together so wonderfully. I especially enjoy little children this time of year. Their anticipation is palpable, and their sense of wonder touches my heart.

As I prepared this month's lessons, I was reminded again of what a marvelous gift God gave when He sent Jesus. Jesus entered this world to live among us, and it changed everything! When I'm caught up in the busyness of this season, I am blessed by the simplicity of the Christmas story. As you read the story again this year, may you be blessed anew with the reality that God's love for you is abundant.

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MEMORY VERSE

You will name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

BIBLE TRUTH

God's son, Jesus, is the greatest gift we have ever received.

WEEK 1 | Luke 1:26-56

The angel, Gabriel, came to Mary to tell her she would have a very special baby.

WEEK 3 | Matthew 2:1-12

Wise Men followed a star and came from far away to worship Jesus.

WEEK 2 | Luke 2:1-20

Angels appeared in the sky to give shepherds the good news that baby Jesus was born!

WEEK 4 | All Together Worship

Classes will not meet.

GOD'S UNFOLDING STORY

1- *God created everything.*
2- *People disobeyed God.*
3- *God chose a special people.*
4- *God sent Jesus to help us.*
5- *Jesus began the Church.*
6- *Jesus is preparing heaven for us.*

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