Lesson Passage—John 1:1-5, 9-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome[©] it.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Through God's word we discover what is right and true.

Then we live it out in all we say and do.



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EARLY CHILDHOOD LEVEL 2 HOME JOURNAL



THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

Who is Jesus?

LESSON RHYME

N—N—Nativity
The scene of Jesus' birth
N—N—Nativity
God's Son sent to earth

Level 2—Parent Notes:

- <u>Daily Reading</u>: Read the entire booklet to the child. Go back
 to the appropriate day, reread the content and have the child
 answer questions about it from the <u>Daily Reading Questions</u> at
 the back of the booklet. Include personal ideas and additional
 questions. Read and discuss the daily Bible verse if appropriate
 for the child. Have the child draw a picture related to the content.
- <u>Lesson Rhyme</u>: Read the Lesson Rhyme on the next page, saying the sound of the letter instead of its name. Point to each word as you read it. Discuss the meaning of the rhyme. Have the child trace the letter with a finger and say its sound. Practice with the child the signs that go along with the Lesson Rhyme (included below). Review and repeat the rhyme every day.
- <u>Concluding Lesson</u>: Complete the activities under <u>Concluding Lesson</u> at the back of the book.
- Completion: If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson rhyme memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- Way to go, parents! Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Lesson Rhyme Signs

N—N Make sign of N

Nativity Manger—both hands come together

with the fingers locking and palms facing up

The scene of Jesus' Make sign of Jesus

Birth Arms like rocking a baby

N—N—Nativity Same as above

God's Son Arms in air

sent to earth Form arms into circle around head

This week I learned

Daily Reading Questions

<u>Day 1</u>: What is the nativity? Who was Jesus' mother? Who came to speak to her?

<u>Day 2</u>: What did Gabriel say to Mary? How did Marty respond to what he said?

<u>Day 3</u>: Who was Joseph? Why was he a good man? Why is Jesus called God's Son?

<u>Day 4</u>: What town did God choose as the birthplace of his son? How did Mary and Joseph get there? What happened when they arrived?

<u>Day 5</u>: Where was Jesus born? Where was he laid? What is God's law? What does God's law show us? How does Jesus fulfill God's law?

<u>Day 6</u>: Why is Jesus the greatest gift of all? Why did he come to earth?

Concluding Lesson

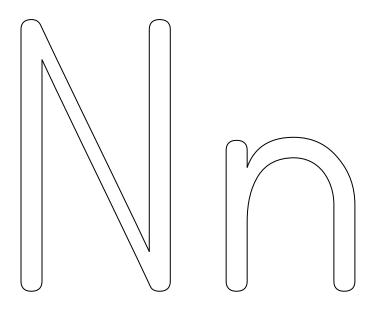
<u>Review</u>: What is the nativity? Who was Jesus' mother? What did the angel Gabriel say to Mary? Who was Joseph? Why was he a good man? What town did God choose as the birthplace of his son? Where was Jesus born? Where was he laid? Why did Jesus come to earth?

<u>Prayer</u>: Thank God that both Mary and Joseph were faithful to do what he said. Thank him for sending his Son to save you from your sin. Thank God that Jesus followed the law and lived a perfect life so he could pay the price for our sin on the cross.

<u>Application</u>: Share with someone what happened when Jesus was born. Make a nativity ornament to hang on your Christmas tree.

<u>Dictation</u>: Have the child dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson. Have the child repeat back the dictation, trace over the letters and draw a picture to go with it.

#C2 What is the nativity?



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Day 1 Draw a picture of Jesus in the manger.

The nativity is the scene
of our precious Savior's birth.

Jesus the Messiah
came to live upon the earth.

The humble, little baby
laying in the straw

Is the God of all the universe
we worship with great awe!

Luke 1:26-28: ²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Day 6 Draw a picture of angels surrounding the manger.

To save us from our sin
Jesus came to live on earth,
The prophecy came to pass
through Jesus' humble birth.
The giff God gives through Jesus
is the greatest gift of all,
Coming as our Savior,
born in an animal stall.

<u>John 3:16-17</u>: ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Day 5 Draw a picture of animals in the stable.

There in a little stable
where animals live and eat,
Mary bore a baby son
and wrapped him in a sheet.
And so God's Son came to earth
and lay upon the straw,
The baby in a manger,
the fulfillment of God's law.

<u>Luke 2:6-7</u>: ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ 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.

Day 2 Draw a picture of Gabriel speaking to Marty

His mother was a virgin
who lived in Nazareth town.

To speak to her the Father
sent the angel Gabriel down.

Gabriel said that Mary
would have a special baby boy.

She would bear the Son of God
to bring all people joy.

Mary was quite frightened,
her heart was full of dread,

But she obeyed the Father's will
and trusted what he said.

Luke 1:29-31: ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

Day 3 Draw a picture of Mary and Joseph

She was pledged to marry Joseph and be his loving bride.
Even though the baby wasn't his, he stayed right by her side.
An angel had told Joseph to take Mary as his wife,
Because by the Holy Spirit the child was given life.

Matthew 1:18-20: ¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Day 4 Draw a picture of Mary on a donkey.

God had chosen Bethlehem
as the birthplace of his Son,
So people of all nations
would know he was the One.
So Mary and Joseph traveled
on a donkey far away.
When they arrived in Bethlehem
they found no place to stay.

<u>Luke 2:4-5</u>: ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.