



## TODDLERS AND BABIES: Garden SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 JOY | Isaiah 35; Luke 2

### Lesson at a Glance

**WONDER TRUTH:** Jesus Is Our Joy

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 35; Luke 2

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** After many years of waiting, a Savior is born. His name is Jesus, and He brings joy to the world.

### Opening Activity

**SUPPLIES:** Coloring page.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Allow them to color the Joy coloring page to get them warmed up and ready to hear God's Bog Story.

### Activity: Joy Party

**Welcome!**

**In God's big story today, God sent baby Jesus to the world. A baby was born and brings great joy!**

**Joy means we can cheer and celebrate and be happy!**

Pass out the party supplies and let the kids use them to celebrate, cheer, and jump. Tell them the party supplies remind us we can have joy and celebrate Jesus.

**Our Wonder Truth today is: JESUS IS OUR JOY.**

### God's Big Story Script

**Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a baby named Jesus.**

Encourage the kids to say "Jesus." **Let's find out from the Bible about this baby!**

**Two people named Mary and Joseph were going to have a baby! They traveled to Bethlehem and when they arrived, there wasn't a room for them to stay.**

Put hands on cheeks and say, "Oh, no!" Encourage the children to copy you.

**So, they went to a barn to rest and sleep. It was filled with lambs, donkeys, and sheep.**

Have the kids tell you what a sheep and a donkey say. Say, "Baaaaaa and Hee Haw."

**Baby Jesus was born on that very night.**

Have the kids clap!

**Jesus was God's great gift of joy to everyone!**

Have the kids clap and cheer!

**God sent an angel to visit the earth.**

**In a field, there were shepherds, watching over their sheep.**

**A light shone so brightly—it woke them out of their sleep.**

Yawn. Have the kids yawn with you.

**"Do not be afraid!" said the angel with great joy! God sent His love to everyone in the form of a tiny baby boy.**

Show a baby doll wrapped in a baby blanket.

**The shepherds went right away to see baby Jesus asleep on the hay.**

Do a "rock the baby" motion. Encourage the kids to copy your movements.

**The good news of Jesus was too good not to share. So, they told everyone, and they went everywhere!! Let's clap and cheer!**

Clap and cheer!

**God sent Jesus to earth to show us how much He loves us. We can celebrate and be excited. We can have joy because Jesus is our joy!**

**Prayer and Blessing**

**Let's talk to God.**

**God, thank You for sending Jesus. Thank You for loving me. Jesus, You are my joy! In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing: God loved the world so much that He sent us Jesus. May you know Jesus loves you and is your joy.**

## Craft

Supplies:

1. Wood cookie/slice.
2. Paint and paint pens.
3. Paper plate.
4. Sharpie.
5. Piece of twine.
6. Wipes.

Pass out one slice of wood to each child. Place a dab of paint onto a plate and have the child place their thumb in the paint and then on the wood. Form the angel body and the wings with their thumbprint. Then using a different color paint, make the head. You can then help the children draw the angel's face and halo or do it for them. Then tie the twine through the hole so that they have an angel ornament to take home.



Wonder Truth:  
**Jesus Is Our Joy**

**Joy**



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**LESSON 4 COLORING SHEET**  
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