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3 Bible Verses & Activities for Your Family at Christmas

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It can be easy for parents and children to get caught up in the excitement of Christmas! The shiny decorations, glittery packages, and fast pace of it all can quickly take our attention away from the true reason we celebrate Christmas. I want the humble manger, bright star, and host of angels to seem just as wondrous to my child as the decorations, presents, and Christmas gatherings flooding her life right now. I have decided to take verses from the Christmas Story found in the gospels, and turn them into fun, meaningful learning experiences with my daughter. I am sharing these with you in hope you might find them useful this Christmas season with your own small children.

The verses are short and easy for you and your child to memorize together. Corresponding activities with the verses are made to help your family create new memories and stamp God's truths on your own hearts.

Activities include a printable ornament to decorate, stargazing, and hide-n-seek with Jesus and His parents!

I have also included an enrichment verse for your older kids (tween/teen) with information more interesting and age appropriate for them.

Everything is in a printable format and made easy to cut out, discuss, and complete with your children.

Enjoy and Merry Christmas!

-Keri

Verse: *She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.* Matthew 1:21 (Page 7)

Explanation to Child: An angel told Joseph his wife Mary would have a baby boy, and they should name the boy Jesus. All babies are special, but the angel explained this baby would save us from our sins.

Activity: Color and decorate the picture of baby Jesus. Then cut the picture out. Tie a piece of ribbon to the picture and hang it as an ornament on your Christmas tree! This will remind you of baby Jesus every time you look at your tree. (Page 5)

Enrichment: Jesus is a beautiful name, but this is not the only name He would be called. Look up the following verses and list the other names of Jesus (Page 7)

Luke 1:32

Luke 2:10

Isaiah 9:6

Verse: *When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.* Matthew 2:10 (Page 7)

Explanation to Child: Wise men saw a star in the sky. It was a symbol to them Jesus had been born. The star led them to Jesus, where they worshipped Him and gave Him gifts.

Activity: Bundle up and go outside! As a family, look at the stars. Talk about them! What do they look like? How would you describe them? What other things has God created you can see while outside at night? The wise men were overjoyed when they saw the star because it meant a savior had been born. What has God given you, besides Jesus, that brings you joy? Share your answers with your family.

Enrichment: *I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the people of Sheth.* Numbers 24:17 (Page 7)

Read Numbers 24:17, written centuries before Jesus was even born. How does this verse relate to Matthew 2:10? The Bible is woven together from the beginning to the end, and God's plan has always been in motion! It is so cool to see that in His Word!

Verse: *So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.* Luke 2:16 (Page 7)

Explanation to Child: The shepherds were told by angels Jesus had been born. They were so excited, they set off to find Jesus! They found Him, lying in a manger. A manger was a container used to feed animals. Because Mary and Joseph were not at their own house, this was the only bed they could find for their baby boy.

Activity: Cut out the pictures of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. You can color and decorate them beforehand if you'd like! Take turns hiding the family in your house and pretending to be the shepherds looking for them! (Page 6)

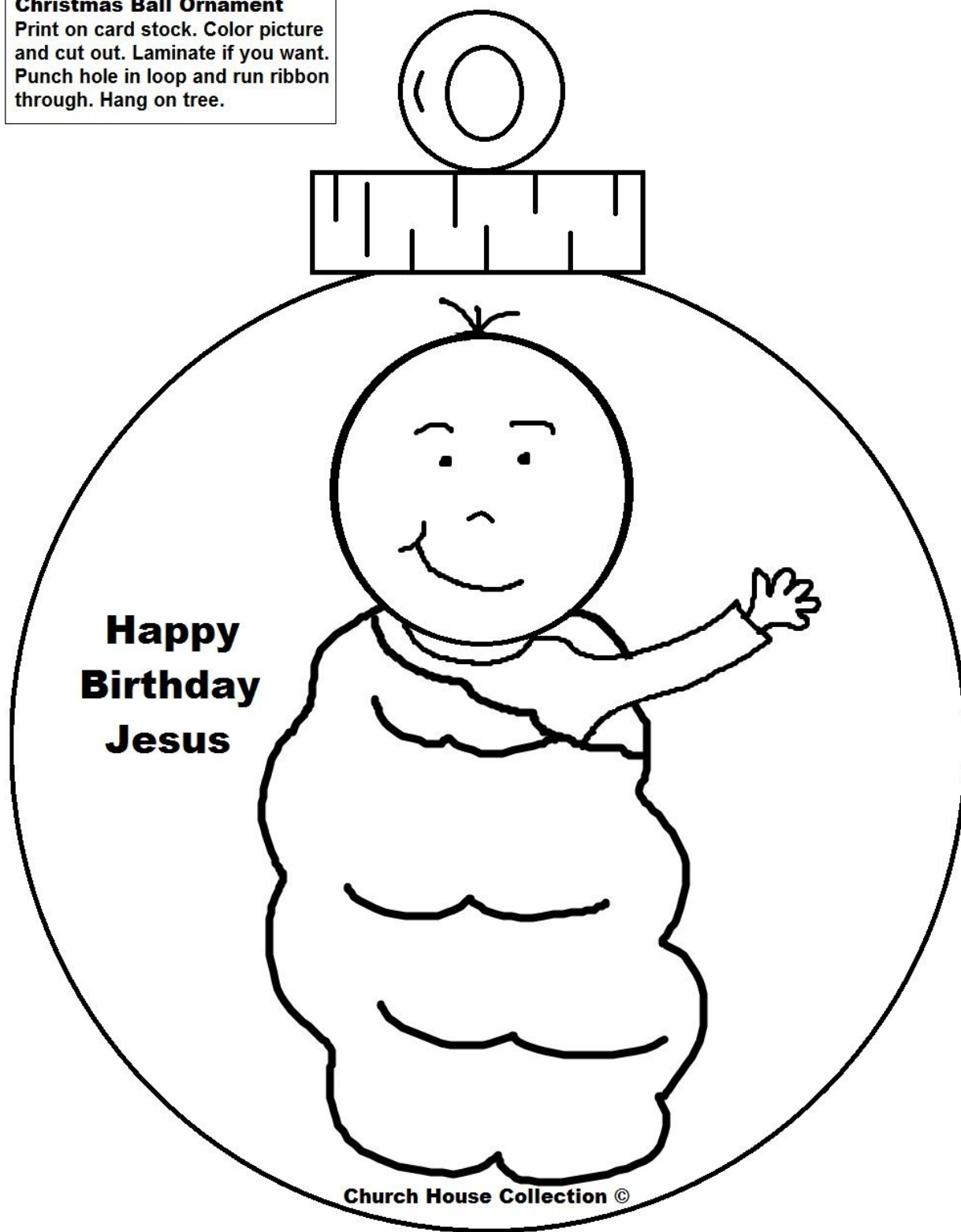
Enrichment: *Brothers and sisters, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.* 1 Corinthians 14:20 (Page 7)

Jesus was God sent to earth. The shepherds sought God, and just like them, many seek Him today. Are you pursuing God? What might that look like? It can be difficult to keep drawing near to God when you have school, extracurricular activities, and other such things. But, seeking God is so important, and many show us this in the Bible, including the shepherds. In your spiritual life, you might be ready to stop thinking like a child, but instead think as an adult. Check out my post called: [Moving Beyond the Bible Checklist](#). Perhaps you will find it helpful in continually seeking Him through His Word.

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Christmas Ball Ornament

Print on card stock. Color picture and cut out. Laminate if you want. Punch hole in loop and run ribbon through. Hang on tree.



Ornament from:

<http://www.sundayschoolcrafts.net/resources/Christmas%20Baby%20Jesus%20In%20Manger%20Ornament%20Printable%20Cutout%20Sheet.jpg>

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Printable Scripture Cards

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Matthew 1:21

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

Luke 1:32

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Luke 2:10

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

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