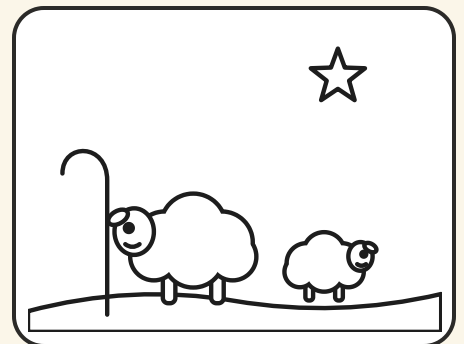
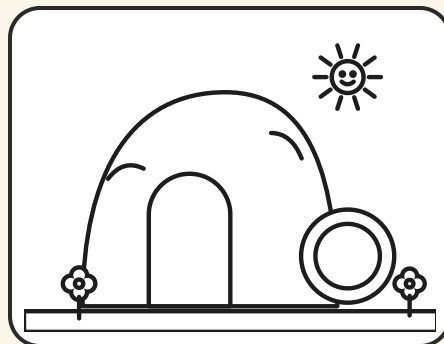
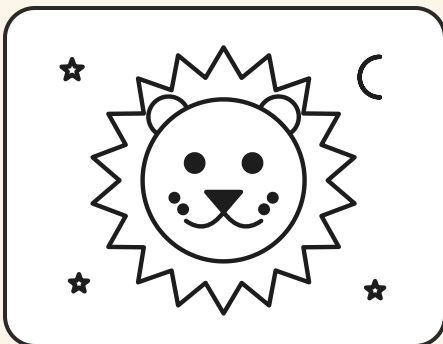
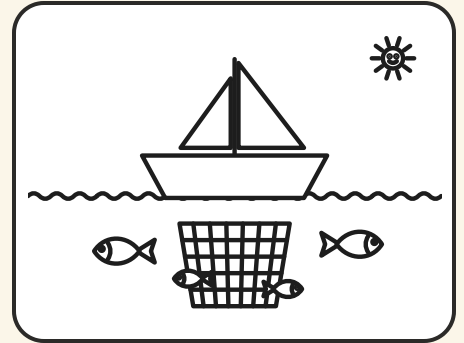
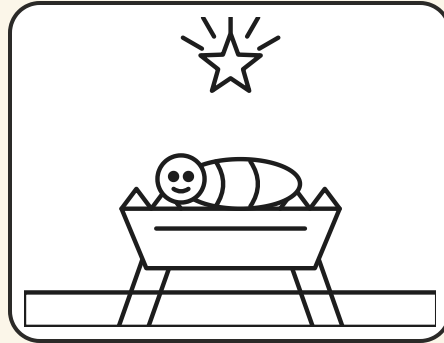
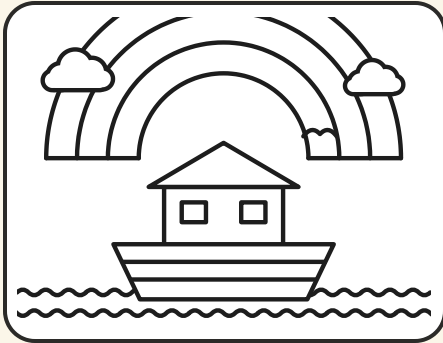


Mustard Seed Sundays

52 printable Bible lessons for kids ages 3–12



Every lesson, 5 pages: a teacher page, an activity for ages 3–5, 6–8 and 9–12, and a take-home page

Advent & Christmas inside: 6 lessons for the Christmas season

Prints in black & white on US Letter paper

How to use Mustard Seed Sundays

Every lesson has 5 pages

1. **Teacher page.** The Bible story to read aloud, questions (with answers in *italics*), a game, a prayer and a 30-minute plan.
2. **Ages 3–5: Color & Trace.** A picture to color, words to trace and the big idea to say together.
3. **Ages 6–8: Story Order & Verse.** Number the story in order, draw it, and fill in the memory verse.
4. **Ages 9–12: Word Search & Dig Deeper.** A word search, three questions to look up and think about, and the memory verse.
5. **Take-home page.** Two copies on one sheet. Cut on the dashed line and send one home with each child.

A simple 30-minute Sunday

5 min	Welcome: ask the opening question and play the game
5–7 min	Read or tell the Bible story
5 min	Talk about it
10–15 min	Activity pages by age
2 min	Pray together

Have more time? Let kids act out the story, or have the older kids read the passage from their own Bibles.

Printing

- Print at **100% / Actual size** on US Letter paper. Every lesson page prints in black and white.
- Print only the age pages you need for your group.
- Answer keys for the word searches, story order and verses start on page 8.

Mixed ages?

Give each child the page for their age. Older kids can read the story order boxes to younger ones.

Supplies

Crayons and pencils. Most games need nothing at all; a few use paper cups, paper scraps, a towel or a flashlight.

About the Bible text

Memory verses are from the **World English Bible (WEB)**, which is in the public domain. Lessons 5 and 17 use the **King James Version (KJV)**, also public domain in the United States. Some verses are shortened; the reference shows where to find the whole verse.

The Bible stories are retold in simple words for children. Words in quotation marks inside the stories are retold, not quoted from a translation. Each teacher page lists the passage so you can read it first.

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Why “mustard seed”? Jesus said God’s Kingdom is like a mustard seed: the smallest of seeds, which grows into a tree where birds come and rest (Matthew 13:31–32). Small Sundays add up.

Advent 4: Jesus Is Born

Bible passage: **Luke 2:1–7** · Read it before class.

MEMORY VERSE

“For there is born to you today, in David’s city, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:11 (WEB)

BIG IDEA

Jesus came to be my Savior.

5 min **Welcome**

Ask: What do you know about the day you were born?

Get moving: “Journey to Bethlehem”: lead the group on a slow walk around the room, over “hills” (step up) and through “valleys” (crouch), until you reach a corner set up as the “manger.”

5–7 min **Tell the Bible story**

The ruler of the Roman Empire, Caesar Augustus, made a rule: everyone had to go to their family’s hometown to be counted. Joseph’s family came from King David’s town, Bethlehem. So Joseph and Mary made the long trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem, even though Mary’s baby was almost ready to be born.

When they got to Bethlehem, there was no room for them in the guest room. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born.

Mary gave birth to her first son. She wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, a feeding box for animals, because there was no other place for them.

This tiny baby was the Savior that God had promised so long ago. God’s own Son came into the world, not in a palace, but in a simple place, as a baby, to be with us and to save us.

Christmas is the celebration of the day Jesus was born.

5 min **Talk about it**

1. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem? (*Everyone had to go to their hometown to be counted.*)
2. Where did Mary lay baby Jesus? (*In a manger.*)
3. What is a manger? (*A feeding box for animals.*)
4. Why do you think God’s Son was born in such a simple place?

10–15 min **Activity pages**

Ages 3–5 Color & Trace, p. 4 **Ages 6–8** Story Order & Verse, p. 5 **Ages 9–12** Word Search & Dig Deeper, p. 6

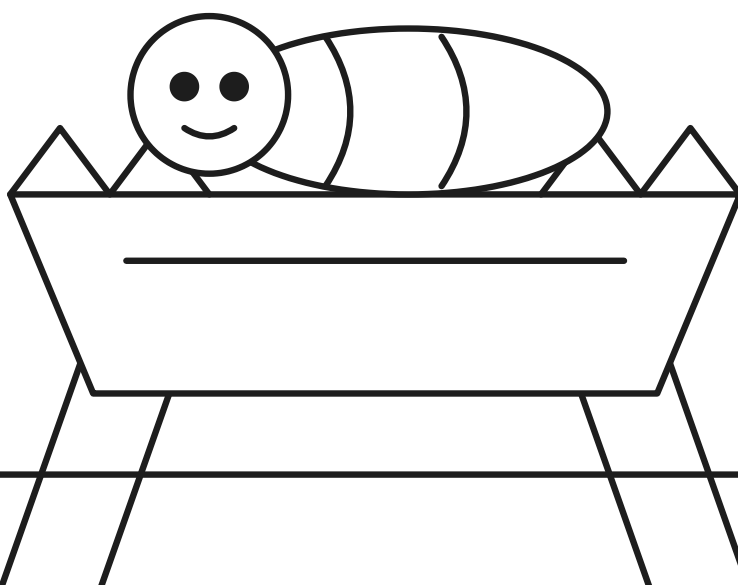
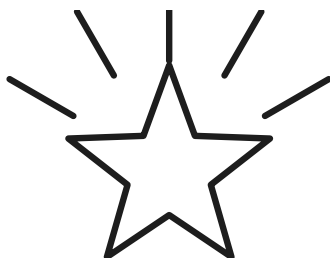
2 min **Pray**

God, thank you for sending Jesus as a baby to be our Savior. Help me remember what Christmas is really about. Amen.

Send home: the take-home page (p. 7), two copies per sheet.

Teacher tip: If your church uses an Advent wreath, light the fourth candle today.

Advent 4: Jesus Is Born



Color the picture!

TRACE THE WORDS:

JESUS

IS BORN

Say it together: **Jesus came to be my Savior.**

Advent 4: Jesus Is Born

Story order. What happened first? Write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in each circle. Then draw a picture in each box.



A There was no room in the guest room.



B Jesus was born and laid in a manger.



C Caesar said everyone must be counted.



D Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem.

Fill in the verse. Use the words in the box.

Savior

born

Lord

“For there is _____ to you today, in David’s city, a _____, who is
Christ the _____.”

Luke 2:11 (WEB)

Advent 4: Jesus Is Born

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FIND THESE 8 WORDS

- ☐ BABY
- ☐ BETHLEHEM
- ☐ CHRIST
- ☐ JESUS
- ☐ JOSEPH
- ☐ MANGER
- ☐ MARY
- ☐ SAVIOR

Words go across, down or diagonally down. None are backwards.

Dig deeper. Use your Bible to answer. (Passage: Luke 2:1–7)

1. Read Luke 2:4. Why did Joseph go to Bethlehem, the city of David?

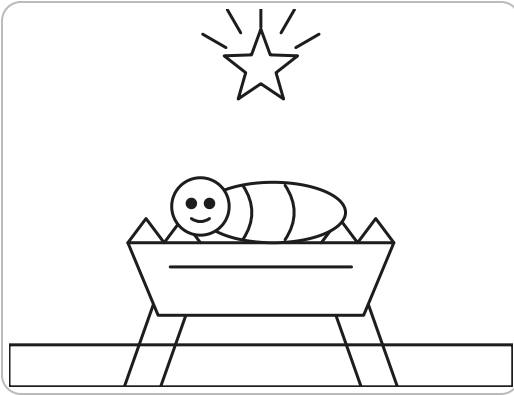
2. Read Micah 5:2 again. How does Luke 2 show God keeping his promise?

3. Jesus was born in a humble place. What does that tell you about him?

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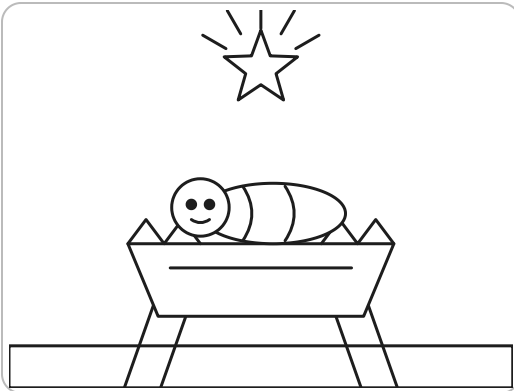
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Answer keys

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J	K	F	E	V	C	M	N	U	R	A	D
C	O	R	E	T	I	G	A	G	G	D	G
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T	H	U	K	B	P	C	H	R	I	S	T
G	C	H	B	A	B	Y	R	B	Y	M	P

Story order

$A = 3 \cdot B = 4 \cdot C = 1 \cdot D = 2$

Verse

1. born
2. Savior
3. Lord