

Activity: Birthday Cake for Jesus Christmas



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Teaching Goal: Celebrate Jesus' Birthday.

Scriptures: Luke 2:11 Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Materials: Cake mix or undecorated cake
White frosting
Assorted food coloring (purple, red, yellow, green, blue)
Candles
Nativity

In Advance: Bake or buy a cake and cover it with a thin layer of white icing. Consider baking a cake with multiple layers of different colors.

- I. Play theme song
- II. Pray
- III. Review last lesson
- IV. Lesson and discussion

✓ Words written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. Read the Christmas story out of an age appropriate Bible or tell it in your own words. Emphasize that Christmas is Jesus' birthday. Compare the balloons, presents and cakes which kids have at their birthdays to the lights, trees and decorations used for Jesus birthday.

B. ACTIVITY: Decorate Jesus' birthday cake. Draw a symbol of Christmas (star, manger, etc.) and write "Happy Birthday Jesus" on the cake.

As you decorate the cake, talk about the biblical meaning of different colors:

- White: Purity. Jesus would be unlike any other human. Jesus would never sin.
- Purple: Royalty. Jesus is our King.
- Red: Life. Jesus offers us eternal life.
- Yellow: Light. Jesus is the Light of the World.
- Green: Growth. As we grow, we want to become more like Jesus.
- Blue: Peace. Jesus offers us peace with God.

C. Light candles and sing, "Happy Birthday" to Jesus. Celebrate by eating the birthday cake!

V. Close in Prayer

VI. Pass it On: Make an extra copy of this activity and pass *it* on to another family.

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