

Lesson N.T. Christmas Part 1  
Donkey to Bethlehem – No Room at the Inn

Bible Story: Jesus was sent to earth by God and he was born in a stable. His bed was a manger box of hay. Jesus is God's only son.

My Bible

The Bible said God would send his son to earth.

Verse

God sent His one and only Son.

1 John chapter 4 verse 9

Story

Donkey to Bethlehem, – No Room at the Inn.

Born in a stable, slept in a manger box bed of hay.

\*The First Christmas Night. By Jill Kemp. web.

Talk about each picture.

Explain that the Inn keeper had a small hotel called an Inn, where people could pay money to sleep for a night.

**Act out story:**

Dolls for Mary & Joseph (or children)

Use a toy donkey or a donkey head on a stick.

Mary to walk beside and Joseph to lead (or doll rides) on.

Talk about how far and that Mary's baby would be born very soon.

- \*Mary and Joseph both seeing angels!
  - \*Big Star in the sky - the biggest star!
  - \*Have several cardboard Doors (A4 size)
  - \*Child knocks.
  - \*Open door to see innkeeper behind – “No room.”
  - \*\*Repeat
  - \*Last door Innkeeper points – To stable.  
(Capture pictures from Books or activities on website.)
- When Mary’s baby was nearly coming they found a place to stay in a stable where animals sleep.
- \*That night Baby Jesus was born.
  - \*There was no baby’s bed, so Joseph made him a bed in a box of hay called a manger.
  - \* We sing a song call away in a Manger.

Puppet

Says Child’s Name “Jesus Loves You.”

Activity

Choose from many on web.

Inn one side – The door sticks to top of frame and lifts up to reveal Inn Keeper – Around the back to the stable.

Other side has Stable with pictures to stick on.

Prayer

Thank God that Jesus loves us so much that he sent his son Jesus to earth. We remember Jesus birthday at Christmas time.

Props: Christmas For Kids CD, Manger, Baby, door, donkey, Donkey's Special Night book, Activities and booklets,

**Teacher will use:**

Christmas For Kids CD.

- 1 Come On Ring Those Bells
- 4 Little Donkey
- 5 Knockity Knock
- 6 Away in a Manger

Props and activities are prepared for you and will be in class.

**Teacher Preparation:** Learn memory verse.

God sent His one and only Son.

1 John chapter 4 verse 9

Pray for each *child*, that God will help them to remember that God made them and loves them. Pray for visiting families.

Please ensure:

- \*New people fill out enrolment form.
- \*The Roll is ticked
- \* New people get CD pack

Children take home: Book: "Donkey's Special Night."

Thanks to all our awesome helpers!

## 4. Little Donkey (Christmas For Kids)

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Tune : Five Little Ducks

Little donkey went one day

*'ride' donkey*

Along the road and far away

Mary was riding on his back

Clip clop clip along the track

Clip clop clip clop Donkey go

Bethlehem is far I know

*hand over eyes*

Mary was riding on his back

Clip clop clip along the track

In the stable Donkey stays

*house over head*

'Thank you, Donkey,' Joseph says

pat head

Baby's sleeping in the hay

*sleep*

Baby Jesus - born today

*rock baby (whisper)*

## 5. Knockity Knock

By Jill Kemp  
Melody: Mulberry Bush

Knockity knock knock  
*knock*  
Knock knock knock  
Have you room for us to stay  
No no no we're far too full  
We have no room - just go away  
*wave away*

Knockity knock knock  
*knock*  
Knock knock knock  
Can we have a place to sleep  
Yes yes yes please come right in  
*beckon in*  
Our barn is warm  
We'll move the sheep

Knockity knock knock  
Knock knock knock  
Have you a baby born today  
Angels sang the happy news  
*conduct*  
Of Jesus in a bed of hay  
*rock baby*

If Jesus comes knocking on my heart  
*knock on heart*  
I'll let him in come in right away  
*beckon in*

I keep him living in my life  
I'll make room for him to stay

## 6. Away In A Manger - For Today

Keeping as close to traditional with words today's child can understand.

Words by Jill Kemp

Away in - a manger - in a bed made of hay

***rock baby***

God's Son ba - by Jesus

***point sky***

Born this Christ - mas day

***sleeping***

A star in - the night sky - so big and so bright

***diamond above head***

Twinkles - so brightly

***twinkle fingers high***

This first Christmas night

***hands under head sleeping***

The cows mooing softly the baby awakes

***rock baby***

God's Son ba -by Jesus

No crying - He makes

I love you - Lord Jesus

***hand on heart***

Look down from - on high

***shade eyes***

Keep these - little children

***hug self***

Safe all - their lives

Be near me - Lord Jesus - I ask you to stay

Close by me - for ever

And love me - I pray

***praying hands***

Bless all the - dear children

***pray blessing over children***

In your lov - ing care

And take them - to heaven

***point up***

To live with - you there

***hug self***

## 25 Moving Star Instructions

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1. Screw opposing curtain EYES into Scotia or beams in ceiling.
2. Tie clear fishing line tightly between the eyes.
3. Loop a string OVER the fishing line, attaching star so it can run freely along line.
4. Bring star to end the Wise Men start from.
5. Have strong dark reel of cotton in a small jar (keeps from rolling everywhere.)
6. Thread cotton THROUGH EYE other end from star.
7. Run thread along fishing line to star & tie on the loop.
8. Pull cotton slowly from opposite end.
9. Star can be 'run back' along line for a replay.
10. Shining a torch on star adds effect - the children are mesmerized!