

## December - Walkers

### Toddler Tips



Keep in mind that our Walkers are very young. They are not yet ready to sit in a circle and listen. The best approach is to read the Trail Log and do the lesson with Mighty Mouse while they are eating snack. They are already sitting! Children this age learn best through play. Use the **Play-Time Connection** to talk to them about the lesson throughout the morning while they are playing.

### Theme Points



**Theme:** God gave us the best gift: Jesus!

**Central Question:** *What is Christmas about?*

**Memory Verse:** Luke 2:11 *A Savior has been born!*

**Bible Passage:** Luke 1:26-33, 2:1-20 & Matthew 1:18-25, 2:1-12 (The Birth of Jesus)

**Key Point:** Your birthday is the day that you were born. Jesus birthday is Christmas day. On birthdays we give presents and we give presents at Christmas too. Presents remind us that the best gift of Christmas is Jesus.

**For Teachers:** *Immanuel* means “God With Us.” At Christmas we love to use bright paper and glittery bows to wrap boxes. Gift boxes contain an object to be given as a present but boxes used as decorations are usually empty. That’s how we are without the Savior, empty inside, spiritually dead. We need the Savior, “God With Us”, to fill us up and give us life. (Inspired by: <http://tonyevans.org/immanuel-god-with-us/>)

### Play-Time Connection

**Toy Time** – Have a birthday party with the baby dolls. Sing *Happy Birthday*. Tell the kids that just like they have a birthday, Jesus has a birthday too.

**Sensory Bottles** Shake up the bottles and watch the objects inside. Ask a child to find a certain object. Tell the child how it connects to the lesson.

**Bible TREK Velcro Train** Invite the children to pull off the pictures and put them back on. Talk with them about how the pictures connect to the theme.

### Bible Lesson



#### Trail Log Entry

*(Read from story page. Have the children lift the flaps.)*

Dear Trail Log... Christmas is coming soon. We are excited to open our presents. What will be the best gift? Mommy and Daddy said we need to look in the Bible to find out what the best Christmas gift is. Do you know what the Bible says about Christmas?

### Mighty Mouse



- (Show children the gift box. Ask what they think is in it. Shake it and have the children listen. Open the box.) Wow! Jesus is in the box! Jesus is the best gift! I know a memory verse about a gift that God gives to us on Christmas. Let’s say the memory verse. Luke 2:11 *A Savior has been born!*
- Hey, I know a chapter in the Bible that tells about Christmas. Your teacher will read to us about Jesus’ birthday. (Teacher reads the Bible story.)
- Everyone likes presents. The best gift of all is Jesus! Jesus is God’s Christmas present to us!
- Let’s say the memory verse. Philippians Luke 2:11 *A Savior has been born!*
- Great job, kids! That will help Jimmy and Julie. The Bible tells us that Christmas is Jesus birthday. Let’s sing “Happy Birthday” to Jesus.