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# Teaching Toddlers Faith *Activities*



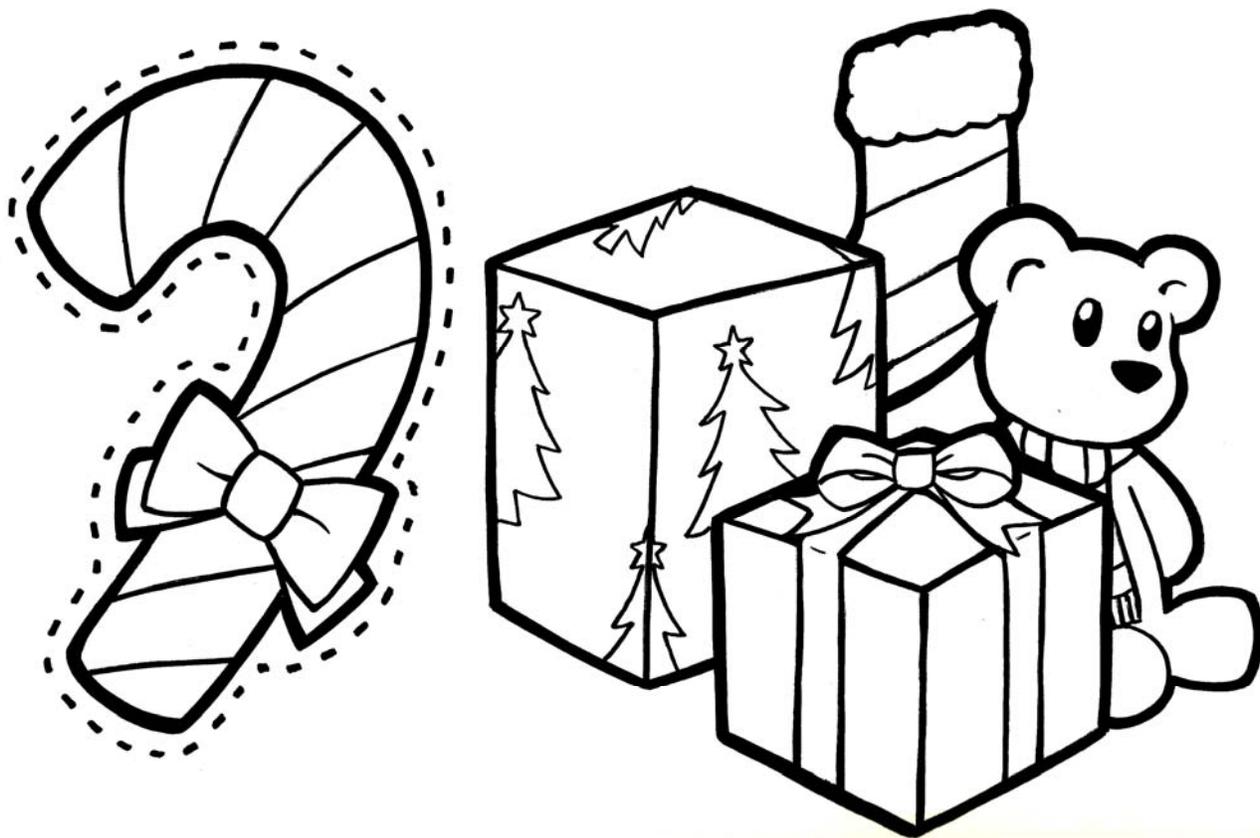
## Faith – Toddlers (Ages 0-4)

### Christmas Sounds of Faith

**Supplies:** 2 paper plates for each child, stapler, noise makers (beans, noodles, etc.), markers

**Activity:** Color the images below with your child. Then, cut them out and glue them to the outside of 2 paper plates stapled together (do not staple them completely shut to start with). Fill the inside of your paper plates with noisemakers. Staple it closed (be sure there are no holes!). Have the child dance around with their new noise maker.

**Something to Talk About:** Ask “can you see what is inside the noisemaker?” The answer should be no. Then explain, that just as can’t see God, you know that he is there, like the noisemakers. Explain that faith is knowing God is there without being able to see Him. \*This activities is for older toddlers.



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### Be a Manger Animal

**Supplies:** Find pictures of Jesus' manger scene on Google. Then, plan a trip to the zoo!

**Activity:** Talk to your child about the manger scene where Jesus was born. Show them animals and explain that Jesus was surrounded by animals in the manger.

**Something to Talk About** – As you view the animals in the pictures, ask your child to mimic how the animal moves and sounds. Talk about how God created the animals because he loves us. Talk about the story of Noah's ark in the bible. Try to identify the animals in the story. When you go to the zoo, see which animals your child remembers. Bring the images with you for reinforcement.

### All Things New

**Supplies:** Scissors, 1 brown paper bag, water, markers or crayons

**Activity:** Cut the bag open so that it forms one larger piece of paper. With your toddler, soak the bag in water and then squeeze the water out. Let the bag get wrinkled. Ask your toddler if they think the bag is ruined (they should answer yes!). Once the bag is dry, show your toddler that they can now color on the bag or use it as a piece of paper to create a unique piece of art. For this time of year, you could draw a Christmas image (ie: a star, a tree, etc.). Explain that just like a broken paper bag, God takes our sins and makes us new again, if we love Him and trust Him.

### Manger Puppets

**Supplies:** Paper bags (lunch size), markers

**Activity:** Create manger characters on paper bags and use the bags as puppets to act out the scene of Jesus' birth day. Include the three wise men, animals, Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus.

**Something to Talk About:** Ask your child to identify the family among all the characters and to then identify all the characters in his or her family.