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## He Sent His Son

The Living Christ (Christmas)

### Objectives:

- Learn about the birth and mission of Jesus Christ

### Reinforces Principles of:

- Testimony of Jesus Christ

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## Reverence Time

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**Song:** He Sent His Son, Children's Songbook page 34

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/he-sent-his-son>

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**Scripture:** Doctrine & Covenants 110:4

"I am the first and the last; I am he who liveth, I am he who was slain; I am your advocate with the Father"

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**Video:** Watch this week's clip from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. Find the clip at <https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-son>

### Lesson

#### Summary:

Angels appeared to humble shepherds, announcing the birth of Jesus Christ. The shepherds were invited to go and see the baby Jesus. The Messiah, the King of Kings had been born.

We still celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with gratitude for His life, His mission, and His sacrifice for us. His promises bring us peace and His love fills our hearts. At Christmastime, and throughout the coming year, may we find ways to give gifts to our Savior and share His love with those around us.

Reflect on the lessons you've learned about Jesus Christ this year as you've studied the Doctrine & Covenants. How has your testimony of Jesus Christ grown?

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#### Quote:

*"We bear testimony, as His duly ordained Apostles—that Jesus is the Living Christ, the immortal Son of God. He is the great King Immanuel, who stands today on the right hand of His Father. He is the light, the life, and the hope of the world. His way is the path that leads to happiness in this life and eternal life in the world to come. God be thanked for the matchless gift of His divine Son." The Living Christ, paragraph 13*

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#### Questions:

What is the greatest gift that Heavenly Father has given us? (His son, Jesus Christ.)

Why is Jesus Christ the greatest gift of all?

Why do we give gifts at Christmas time?

What gifts has the Savior given us?

What have you learned this year about Jesus Christ as you've studied the Doctrine & Covenants?

**Description:** Write down some of the gifts your family can give to the Savior. Encourage family members to work hard to give these gifts to our Savior, not just at Christmas time, but throughout their lives.

**What you need:**

- A copy of the “Our Gifts for Jesus” activity (artwork included with this lesson), scissors, glue, card stock or poster board and pen or pencil.

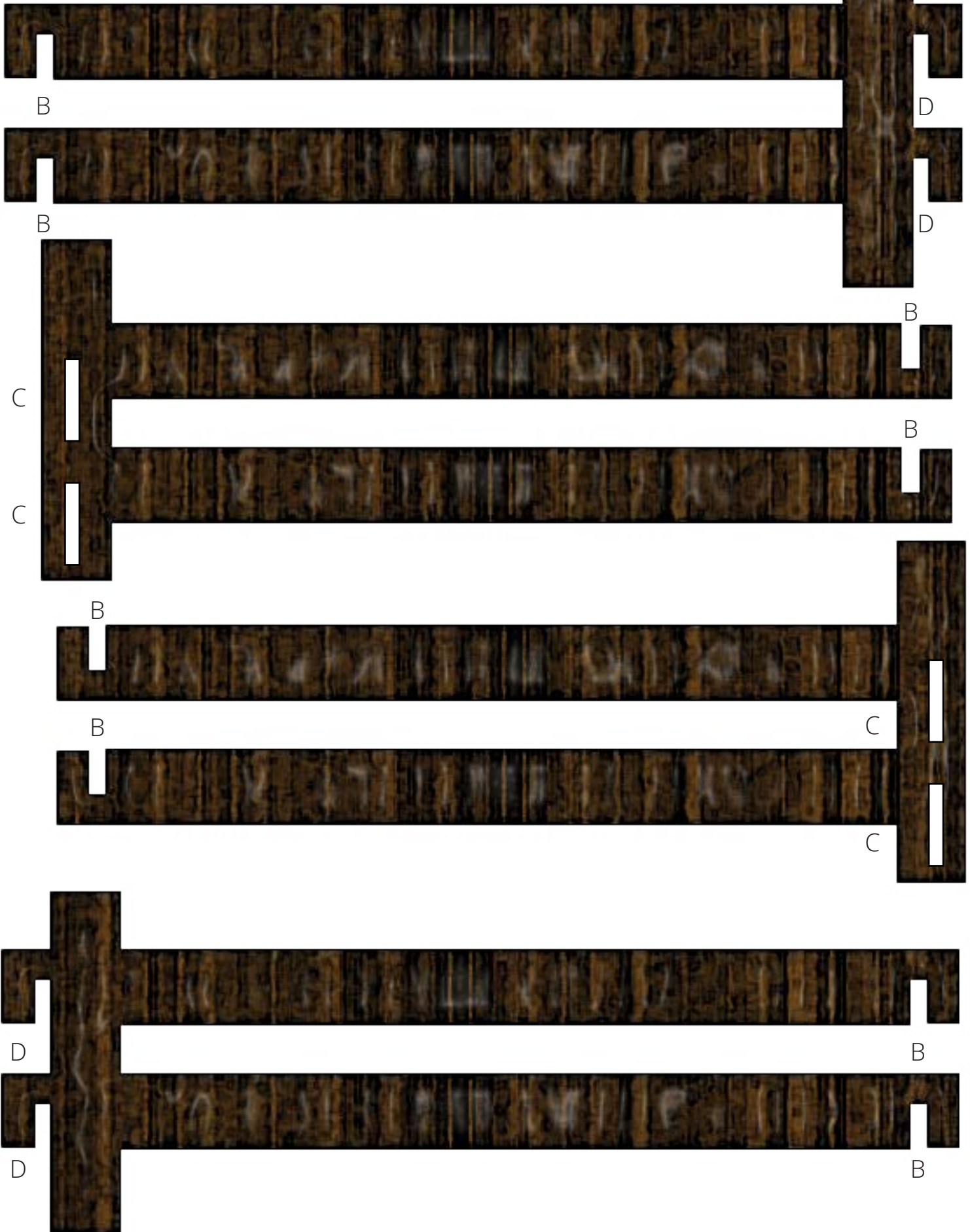
**Preparation:**

1. Print out the artwork.
2. Glue artwork to card stock or poster board.
3. Cut out artwork (set presents aside).
4. Glue matching fence pieces together, right sides out. Glue stable together, right sides out. Assemble Nativity scene by inserting “B” tabs into “A” slots and “D” tabs into “C” slots.
5. Place “Nativity” family into Stable by sliding tabs on sides of Mary and Joseph over the top of the bottom fence rails.
6. Glue or tape star and sheep on stable.

**Activity:**

1. Display the “Nativity Scene.”
2. Ask: What is Christmas? (It is a holiday to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.)
3. Ask: Who foretold the birth of Christ? (Prophets of old, such as Isaiah, Samuel the Lamanite, Micah, Nephi, and Alma.)
4. Ask: Why do we give gifts at Christmas time? (Discuss ideas.)
5. Ask: Do all gifts cost money? (Discuss ideas. Conclude with the idea that the best gifts are gifts of obedience and service.)
6. Ask: What gifts has Jesus Christ given us? (Discuss ideas.)
7. Explain: Because we are true believers in Jesus Christ we should give Him gifts to show Him that we love Him: gifts of service, obedience and sharing His gospel.
8. Play Game:
  - A. Place the “gifts” in a pile to the side of the Nativity scene.
  - B. Take turns choosing a gift and then telling what you will give to Jesus (help children to be specific; such as inviting a non-member friend to primary, paying a full tithe, visiting an elderly neighbor or the sick, obeying parents, sharing your toys, caroling to neighbors, etc.)
  - C. Write the answer on the back of the gift and place it in front of the manger.
  - D. Encourage family members to work hard to give these gifts to our Savior, not just at Christmas time, but throughout their lives.







**Prep Time:** 45 minutes  
**Bake Time:** 15 minutes  
**Cool Time:** 30 minutes  
(Makes 2 stables and 18 Christmas shapes)



**Ingredients: Gingerbread**  
1/2 c. packed brown sugar  
1/4 c. shortening  
3/4 c. molasses  
1/3 c. cold water  
3 1/2 c. flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. ground ginger  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. ground allspice

**Marzipan**  
2 c. powdered sugar  
2 c. blanched almonds  
1 egg white (may substitute  
1 3/4 tsp. egg white powder  
and 2 Tbls. water)  
1 tsp. almond extract  
1/4 tsp. lemon juice  
(Or purchase a 10 oz. can  
prepared Almond Paste)

**Instructions: Gingerbread:** Print and cut out the stable/manger pattern included with this lesson. Grease a 9 inch square pan, and a jelly roll pan. Cream brown sugar, shortening and molasses. Stir in cold water. Stir in remaining ingredients. Evenly press or roll 1/4 of the dough into square pan and the rest into the jelly roll pan. Bake for 15 minutes at 350° F. (Make icing and marzipan while gingerbread bakes.)

Immediately turn gingerbread out of pan onto a clean surface. While still warm, cut out (using the pattern pieces) with a sharp knife or a pizza cutter (Square pan: stable floors and mangers. Jelly roll pan: all other pieces). Cool completely, approximately 30 minutes or make the day before. Assemble during treat time.

**Marzipan:** Grind almonds in blender or food processor until fine. Add the remaining ingredients and mix to make a stiff paste. Knead until smooth and pliable.

**Treat Time:** Assemble stables and mangers and create marzipan baby Jesus' and Christmas shapes.

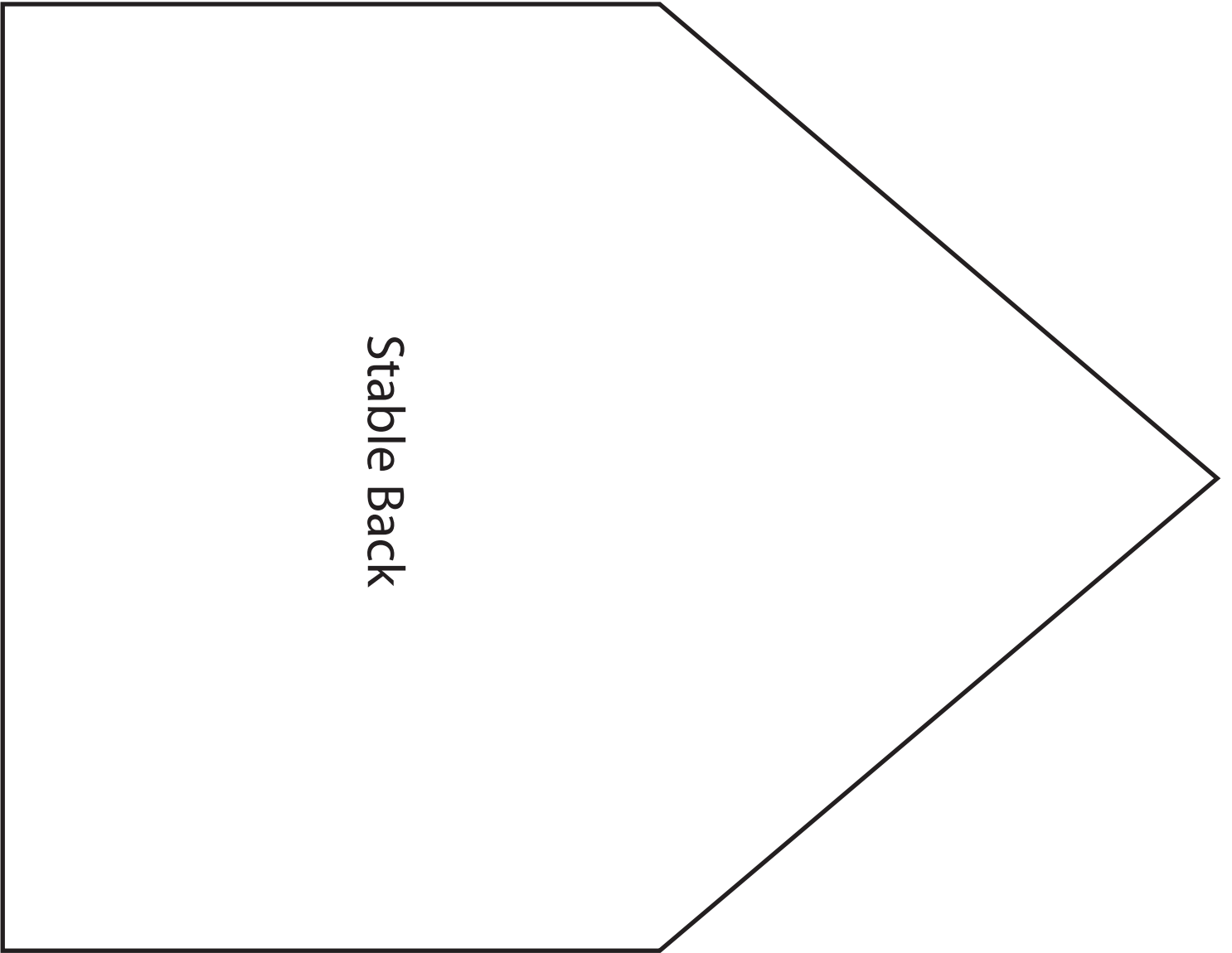


**Stable and manger:** Assemble by applying icing (1 c. powdered sugar, 2 1/2 Tbs. shortening, 1 Tbls. light corn syrup and 2 tsps. milk) to edges of pieces and press together. Frost the top of the roof and floor. Apply hay to roof and floor and fill manger (1/2 cup shredded coconut + 5 drops yellow food coloring mixed together in a plastic sandwich bag). If desired, run a bead of icing along all edges to finish off. Place manger in stable.

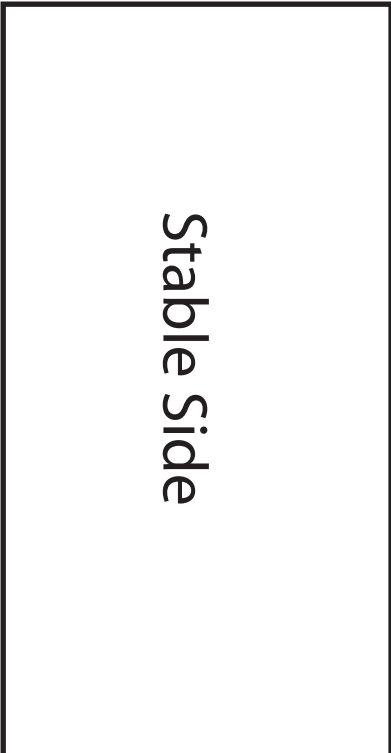
**Baby Jesus:** Mold out of marzipan. Blanket is made by rolling marzipan into a very thin square and then wrap around baby. Place baby in manger.

**Christmas Shapes:** Divide remaining marzipan into fourths. Mix a few drops of food coloring into each portion. Let children mold into edible Christmas shapes.

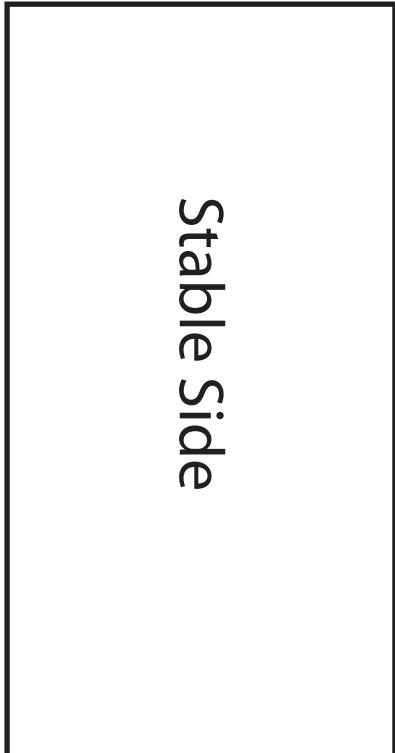




Stable Back



Stable Side



Stable Side

Stable Floor

Manger  
Side

Manger  
Side

Manger  
Bottom

Manger  
End

Manger  
End

Stable Roof

Stable Roof