Kidz World's Church at Home 'THE MAIN EVENT' – I Can Celebrate Jesus' Birth!

FUN TIME: Happy Birthday Jesus!

INSTRUCTIONS: Give each child a piece of paper (cardstock or construction paper would work best) and art supplies. Have them fold the paper in half and make a birthday card for Jesus. Make sure they decorate the cover and write a heartfelt message inside. After the cards are done, encourage the children to share their creations and messages for Jesus. Then, place them in a visible place (maybe hang them with your Christmas stockings or maybe as an ornament on your tree) to remind everyone that we can celebrate Jesus' birth!

<u>BIBLE TIME:</u> Why do you think we celebrate birthdays? Today, we are going to talk about the best birthday ever! It wasn't filled with balloons and cake but it did have the best present the world would ever receive.

READ: Luke 2:1-11 and Isaiah 9:6-7

Familiarize yourself with the Bible passage and summarize it for your younger children. Read it with older children. For toddlers and preschoolers, simply share the answers to these questions with them as you summarize the Bible story. Keep it short and sweet for them \bigcirc .

- 1. Why did Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem?
- 2. Why was Jesus placed in a manger?
- 3. Re-read Isaiah 9:6-7. What other names can we call Jesus?
- 4. Why are those names reason to celebrate His birth?
- 5. How will you and your family celebrate Jesus' birth this year?

<u>REAL TIME:</u> Read Luke 2:11 Why does this verse give us a reason to celebrate? Sometimes, we can be so focused on the fun time we have celebrating during Christmastime that we forget that Jesus is the main event! Even though it's Jesus' birthday, we are the ones who got the gift! Let's remember to thank God for giving us Jesus and Him being born for us!

PRAYER TIME: Dear God, we want to celebrate the love You have shown us in this season. Please show us the many different ways we can prepare our hearts for that celebration. Thank You for using Mary and Joseph to deliver the greatest gift ever, Your Son Jesus. In Jesus' Name, amen!

"For unto us is born this day, in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." ~ Luke 2:11 (KJV)