



### ACTIVITY: "LETTERS AND SOUNDS"

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Letter Blocks (A, S, J) If you don't have letter blocks, you can write the letters on cardstock, use alphabet flashcards, or letter magnets.

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Name the letter on the block and make that letter sound aloud.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Let's investigate these blocks! (*Make glasses with your hands over your eyes.*) They have letters on them! Every letter has a name and makes a sound. This is A (*Hold up letter "A" block*) A says a, a, a... This is S (*Hold up letter "S" block*) S says s, s, s... This is J (*Hold up letter "J" block*) J says j, j, j... Great job!"



### DISCUSSION: "GOD GAVE US JESUS!"

**WHAT YOU NEED:** The tool that you used in activity, a Bible or Bible app

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Look up & Revisit Luke 2:8-20 (or the story of Jesus birth in a Toddler story bible)

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"We can investigate our faith, just like we investigated (*list items from activity 1*)! I am going to read you a true story from the bible, then we can talk about it!" (*Read the verses or summarize them for your toddler. Help make connections like below*)

- A stands for angel, just like the angel that appeared to the shepherds! *See Luke 2:9*
- S stands for shepherd, just like the shepherds who went to Bethlehem to see baby Jesus! *See Luke 2:15*
- J stands for Jesus! God gave us Jesus! *See Matthew 1:21*

Now, use this time to have a CELEBRATION with your child! Celebrate that God gave us Jesus and that Jesus was sent to save us! (*You can even dance, bake a cake, or make construction paper confetti to throw as part of your celebration!*)

### 3 Affirmations to tell Kids year-round:

- "God made you. God loves you. Jesus wants to be your friend forever."
- "Isn't that wonderful? Let's thank God for it. (Pray & Praise)"
- "Do not be afraid for the Lord your God is with you." Joshua 1:9 (Repeat simple Bible verses)

### Parent Resources for fostering Kid's Faith:

Mama Bear Apologetics <https://mamabearapologetics.com>

Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers by Joey Allen

Desiring God <https://www.desiringgod.org/about-us>

The BibleProject <https://bibleproject.com/>