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Next time you see animals at a zoo or on a farm, think about animals that might have been present at Jesus' birth.



### Hear It

When you hear "Happy Birthday" sung, think about Jesus' birth. Do you think anyone sang "Happy Birthday" to him?



### Talk About It

1. How do we like to celebrate birthdays in our family?
2. How has Jesus been a gift in your life?
3. The angels told the shepherds about Jesus' birth. Who can you tell about Jesus?
4. Get out your nativity set—or make a simple one with craft items or dolls and stuffed animals. Take turns retelling the story of Jesus' birth using the nativity characters.



### Live It

**For families to do together:** Throw a birthday party for Jesus! Have a birthday cake and sing "Happy Birthday"! Play games and sing songs. Who will you invite? What kinds of presents could be appropriate to bring to your party?

**For preschool kids:** Ask your parents to help you donate a birthday package to Mission Outpost or another local food shelf. A gift bag with a cake mix, frosting, candles, and some party decorations could help a family make a birthday celebration extra-special!



### Pray It

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