

Dear Parent

During this wonderful Christmas season, your child will be learning that Jesus was a special baby and that Jesus is the Son of God. Through taking part in songs, action rhymes, fun learning activities, and action-packed Bible stories, your child will feel happy that Jesus was born. The titles of our lessons are:

- ❖ An Angel Brings Happy News (*Luke 1:26-38*)
- ❖ Jesus Is Born (*Luke 2:1-7*)
- ❖ Shepherds Come to See Jesus (*Luke 2:8-20*)
- ❖ Wise Men Bring Gifts (*Matthew 2:1, 2, 9-11*)
- ❖ Thank You, God, for Jesus (*a review and reinforcement of the previous four lessons*)

Here are some suggestions to reinforce at home what your child is learning in class and together enjoy this wonderful Christmas season.

- Set up a nativity set that is safe for your child to handle. As your child plays with the figures, let him tell you the story. If he forgets a part, help him fill in some of the details. For example say, "Oh, didn't the shepherds go right away to see baby Jesus?" Often all a child needs is a little reminder of what happened.
- Our Bible words are "His name was Jesus," found in *Luke 2:21, KJV*. Show your child the words in the Bible. Say the verse, then let her say it with you and then by herself.
- Look up at the sky with your child and ask her to point to the stars. Talk about what it might have been like for the shepherds as they watched their sheep out on the hillside at nighttime, under the stars. Talk about the wise men, perhaps riding on their camels, following one very bright star.
- The wise men gave gifts to Jesus. We give gifts to friends and family and even to people we may not know. Talk to your child about why the wise men gave gifts to Jesus. "The wise men knew Jesus was a very special baby and they took gifts to Him to show they loved Him." Then talk with your child about who he could give a gift to. Encourage him to think of someone who needs some extra attention, such as someone who is sick, in a nursing home, a home-bound person, or a lonely neighbor. Let your child help you make a fruit plate, bake cookies, or make something for that person. Then take time to deliver the gift together.
- Enjoy this action rhyme and song with your child.

Jesus, You Are Special

(Tune: "London Bridge")

Jesus was a special baby, special baby, special baby.
Jesus was a special baby. Jesus, You are special.

(Your child can pretend to hold a baby in his arms.)

The Baby Jesus

A stable, (*Make house with hands.*)

A manger, (*Make box with hands.*)

A baby, (*Cradle baby.*)

With animals all around. (*Arms outstretched.*)

The baby is sleeping. (*Folded hands against cheek.*)

Let's tiptoe, (*Walk on tiptoe.*)

And not make even a sound. (*Sh-h-h!*)

—Dana Eynon

At this busy time of year, take time to enjoy time with your child, to help others, and most of all, to be happy and thankful that Jesus was born.

Your child's teacher,

