

Christmas 4: Nativity

Location: Nazareth to Bethlehem, Israel

Devotional for Teachers: Application

Bible: Luke 2:1-20

Lesson: Read the scripture. It will be a passage they have most certainly heard before, so they should understand it. You may still want to act it out with a nativity scene. If they are still confused try using the Nativity Story I have written to hand out.

Important Point year 1: Christmas is Jesus' Birthday

Important Point year 2: Jesus is God with us, Emmanuel

Important Point 3: God had a plan, his name is Jesus

Year One

Directions Year One: Print out The Nativity. Make plastic birthday candles. Print out Birthday Candles, cut them out and laminate them. Then cut around the laminated candles. If you don't have a laminator, use wax paper and an iron. The directions are at the bottom. Have the children color the picture as they listen to the Christmas story from Luke. Have a Birthday Party for Jesus. Tell the Christmas story from Luke let the children act out the story with puppets. Have cupcakes with laminated candles, ice cream and play games.

Materials: Crayons, cake, ice cream, puppets and games.

Activities:

Program: Have the children dress up in boxes wrapped with Christmas Paper. (Use large boxes and cut out a whole in the top for a head and the sides for arms.) And/or we had the children parade up to the front with individually-wrapped Hostess Cupcakes with the pretend candles sticking out the top. They sang "Happy Birthday Jesus" and "We wish you a Merry Christmas."

Materials: Large Boxes, wrapping paper, scissors, tape, Bows, individually-wrapped Hostess Cupcakes, and laminated candles.

Gifts for the Children to make for their parents: Make and decorate foamy-paper frames. Cut out a 4x3 inch rectangle and a 2x1.5 inch from the center of that rectangle. Use half a pipe cleaner to make a hook and poke a hole in the top to attach it (twist it squarely). Add a photo of the program (if you have time) or a picture of the child that you printed out before hand. If you have none of these, you can always place a blank piece of paper in the back and tell them to draw and color their own nativity scene. Have glitter glue, glitter, glue, and "sparklely" stuff available to decorate

the frame.

Materials: foamy-paper, scissors, glue, glitter glue, (glitter- if no glitter glue), pipe cleaners, ribbons, “sparklely” things, paper and colors/ or pictures.

Wax Paper Laminating:

*Wax paper

*2 thin cloths

*Iron and Ironing board

1. Tear off two sheets of wax paper 3 or 4 inches larger all the way around than the candles that you want to laminate. (To do half the candles at a time, use two sheets about as big as a regular piece of paper.)
2. Lay a thin cloth on an ironing board and spread it out to remove any wrinkles. A thin kitchen towel works or pillowcase will work well.
3. Spread the candles out between the two sheets of wax paper on top of the cloth.
4. Spread the second thin cloth on top of item.
5. Press the warm iron down on top of the thin cloth. Move it back and forth slowly and smoothly for several minutes to allow the wax paper to melt together to encase candles between the two wax sheets. Let the ironed items cool off for several minutes.
7. Trim around the edges of the laminated object, leaving at least a half inch of wax paper around the edges.

Nativity Scene



Luke 2:1-7: 1 In those days, Caesar Augustus made a law. It required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world. 2 It was the first time a list was made of the people while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be listed.

4 So Joseph went also. He went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea. That is where Bethlehem, the town of David, was. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of David. 5 He went there with Mary to be listed. Mary was engaged to him. She was expecting a baby.

6 While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. 7 She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. There was no room for them in the inn