

Jesus Christ is the Son of Heavenly Father

~Christmas Lesson~

Christmas can be a busy time filled with presents, family, and fun activities, which are all good things! But take time to teach your child the true meaning of Christmas and why it is important in our lives!

Purpose

We know that the ways of the world are increasingly becoming different than the ways of the gospel - and Christmas is no exception. We need to remember the true Gospel meaning behind Christmas and try to keep it as our main focus during this wonderful season!

"When we keep the spirit of Christmas, we keep the Spirit of Christ, for the Christmas spirit is the Christ Spirit. It will block out all the distractions around us which can diminish Christmas and swallow up its true meaning" ~ President Thomas S. Monson

Preparation

Pull up any links you might need for the lesson - look at the Family Night website for quick links

Mark John 3:16

Prepare for the activities you want to do.

Print off Coloring Page: Christ was born!

Prepare Treat ~ Suggested Treat ~ Healthy or Not so Healthy Christmas Treat

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Opening Song ~ Away in a Manger (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 42)

Opening Prayer

Scripture ~ Open Scriptures to John 3:16, and read. To reinforce the idea that goes with the lesson you can say, "Heavenly Father is the father of Jesus Christ!"

Scripture Story ~ The Birth of Christ

Baby Jesus was born in a cave, with animals all around.

(make some fun animal sounds!)

His Mom and Dad loved him just like your Mom and Dad love you!

We celebrate Jesus being born on Christmas!

During Christmas time it is important to remember Jesus!

Activity ~ Decorate Christmas Cookies to Give!

Have the cookies, frosting, and other toppings ready to save time! You can eat some as a treat if you want! Make sure to get a couple plates together to give to some neighbors, friends, or maybe a family in need in your ward!

Coloring Page ~ Christ was born!

Closing Song ~ The First Article of Faith (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 122)

Closing Prayer

Treat ~ Suggested Treat ~ Something Healthy or Not So Healthy with a Christmas Theme! You can enjoy your cookies you decorated or see the FHE website for more ideas!

Extra Activities for This Lesson ~

1 ~ Flannel Board for Christmas Story found on LDS.org

Flannel Board Story people (you don't need a flannel board you can just color them and put them on the floor in front of you). The lds.org has a good scripture based story to read along with the pictures.

2 ~ Live Nativity and Night Drive to see the lights!

Many times Churches will have live nativities, maybe you can plan your family night around a live nativity that is going on in your neighborhood, and after take the long way home and look at some Christmas lights!

3 ~ Friend Lesson from December 2012 Friend

A nice little story about sharing. You can incorporate the "give" sign when you talk about sharing. Look at the FHE website for a link to the story and some talking points.