

Christmas – Part Two



Kids Bizz

Topic: Christmas

Lesson Objective:

- That the children learn about the importance of Christmas, and it's true meaning.

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Memory Verse

“And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth!”

Luke 1:14

Please feel free to be creative with this lesson – you may like to think of a different way to tell the story or have an activity that will demonstrate the lesson more clearly.

During the activity time the children have several choices – please encourage them to complete the main activity before they engage in other activities

Welcome

Welcome all the kids. Ask them to tell you what they most enjoyed about their week.

Worship

We believe in and value worship at Northridge. The Facilitator will let you know when it is time for Kids Worship. Please come downstairs and join with the other children for Worship Please encourage the children to join in and help the younger children to engage. We would also ask that you participate as the children will watch you also. Feel free to speak to the kids worship team or the Facilitator if you have any questions.

Recap & Introduction:

Ask the children if they are getting excited about Christmas? Today we want to spend time hearing about all your Christmas plans and presents you are hoping for, and people you want to spend time with, because we love knowing all about what's going on with you.

But most important of all, we want to just really focus on Jesus and remind ourselves that Jesus is the reason why we have all of our celebrations at Christmas.

Story:

Please see Page 3 for the story today.

Activity:

Craft activity: Rejoice door-hanger

Materials that you will need:

- Template (pre-cut smaller items)
- Cross templates (on coloured card)
- Ribbon
- Pencils/ textas
- Glue



Directions:

1. Have the items on the template cut out (you can save the crosses as they will be easy for the kids to cut out)
2. Have the children decorate/colour-in their items.
3. Glue the items onto the cross
4. Punch a hole either side of the cross (see pic)
5. Thread ribbon through the hole in order to create a loop that can hang on your door-handle!

Lesson Review

- The memory verse for this week is:

A friend loves at all times.

Proverbs 17:17

Find a creative way to help the kids to learn this verse. You will need to explain what the verse means and how it applies to our lives.

- Noticeboard focus: Ask the children to tell you what they learnt about today then add the memory verse poster to the noticeboard (the card can be found in the folder in the leaders' resource spot).
- Give each child a memory verse card and tell them that if they can remember this verse next week they will get a sweet. (Memory verse cards are in the Leaders Resources spot) Please remember to do this as they are an important part of us connecting with the children's families.

Wrap up:

- Have a leader or helper close in prayer.
- Make sure kids take their craft at the end of the lesson.
- Please ensure that they are signed out by a parent or guardian before they leave the room.
- Once all the children have left please assist us by making sure the room is tidy and ready for the next group. Please also make sure that the blue sign- in folder is returned to the kids table.

Teaching: Luke 2: 8 -20

Shepherds worshipped! *(Based on the NIV translation)*

At the time of Jesus' birth, there were some shepherds living out in the fields nearby.

That night, as they were keeping watch over their sheep, an angel appeared to them, and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified!

But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here to announce great news for the whole world, which will fill people with joy."

"Today in Bethlehem, a baby has been born. He is the Lord and he will save people from their sins. This is what you must look for: You will find a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

Suddenly the whole sky was filled with a choir of angels, praising God, singing "Glory to God in Heaven, and peace to all people on earth."

When the angels had left them and gone into Heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem as fast as we can, and see for ourselves what God has told us about."

They left running, and when they got there, they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in a manger.

As soon as they saw Jesus, they knew it was true! They were so excited, they told everyone they met what the angels had said about the baby. Everyone who heard them was amazed!

The shepherds returned, and let loose praising God for everything they had seen and heard. It turned out exactly the way the angels had told them.

What has this got to do with me?

You can rejoice like the shepherds!

What do you think the word 'rejoiced' means? Have you even rejoiced? Have you ever been so happy that excitement seems to bubble up from your toes, all the way through your body, until it spilled out your mouth and you knew there was no way you could stop it? What makes you very, very happy?

When Jesus was born, lots of people rejoiced... his parents, angels, shepherds. They were just filled to bursting with joy just because of who Jesus is. They felt all that joy because God had made a plan to rescue His people. He was making a way for his people to come to Heaven one day.

Have you ever thought about Jesus and been filled to bursting with joy and excitement because he is God's son and he loves you?

Sometimes when you feel like that, the only thing left to do is to sing songs to him and praise him because you just can't keep the happiness inside. When we worship Jesus and all our joy can flood out.

The visit of the shepherds shows us how we can worship when we're with Jesus.

The Bible story tells us that they let loose praising God for everything they had seen and heard. I

wonder what that must have looked like? What do you think the shepherds were doing when they 'let loose' praising Jesus? How about we let loose praising Jesus right here, right now?

Worship and prayer ministry.

Invite the Holy Spirit to come and fill us up with the joy that comes with loving Jesus. Have an extended worship time and encourage the children to let loose worshipping Jesus, just like the angels and shepherds did, 2000 years ago!

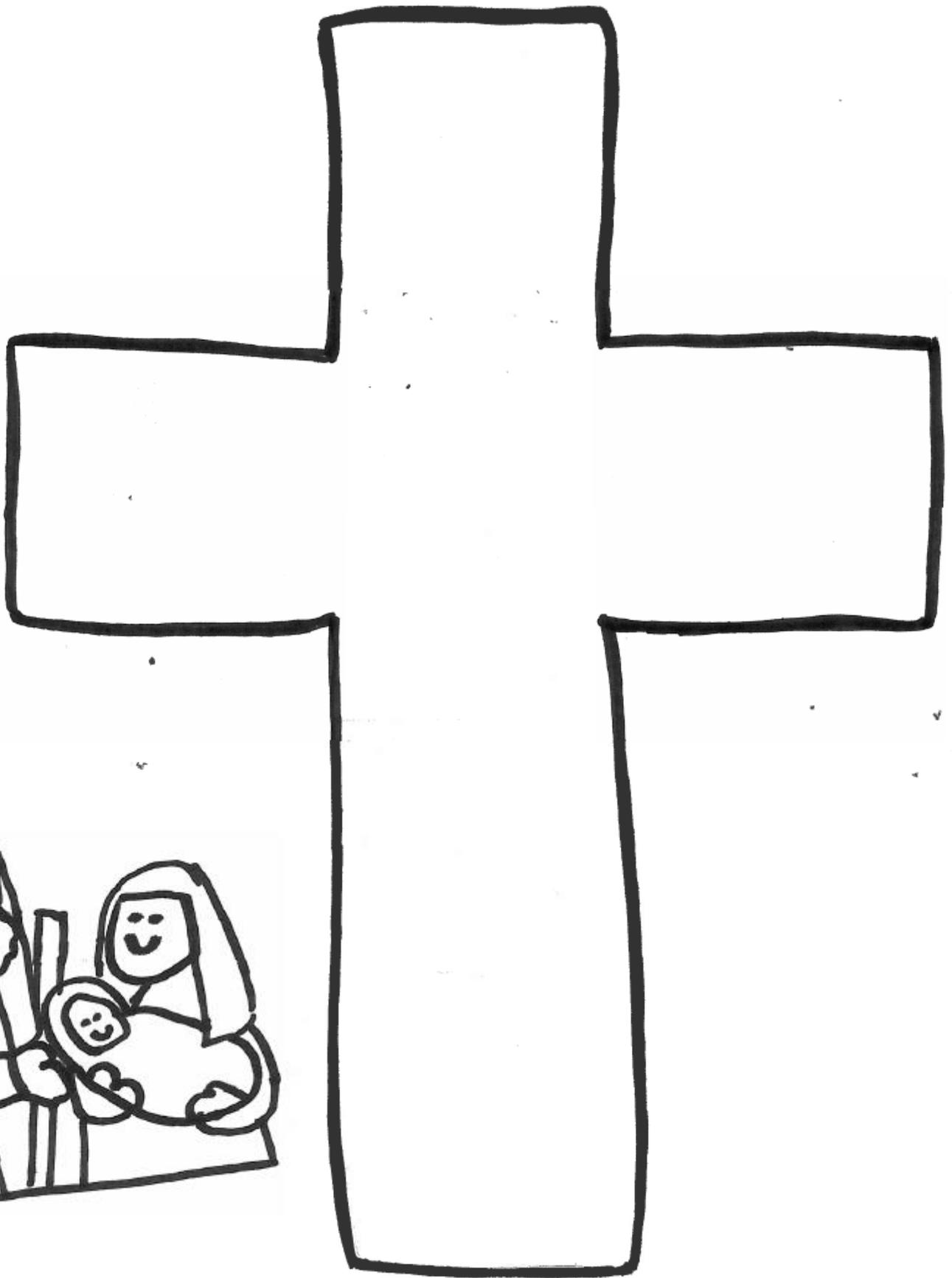
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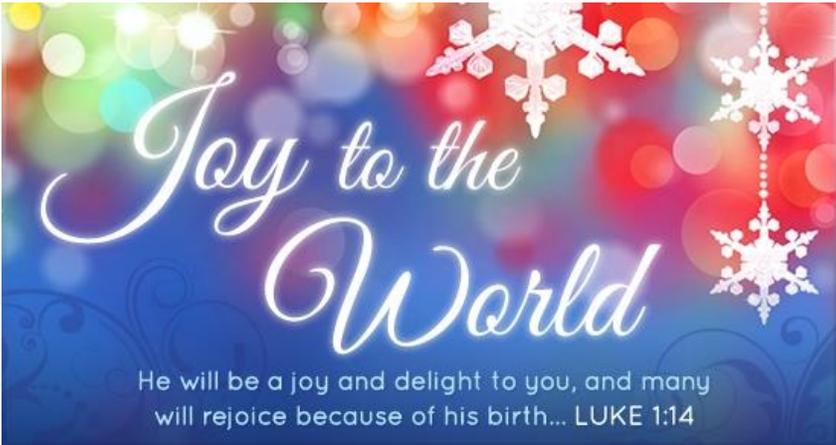
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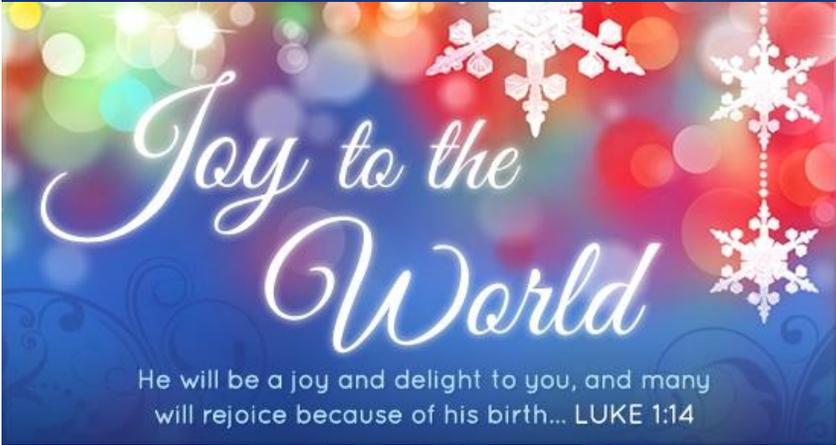
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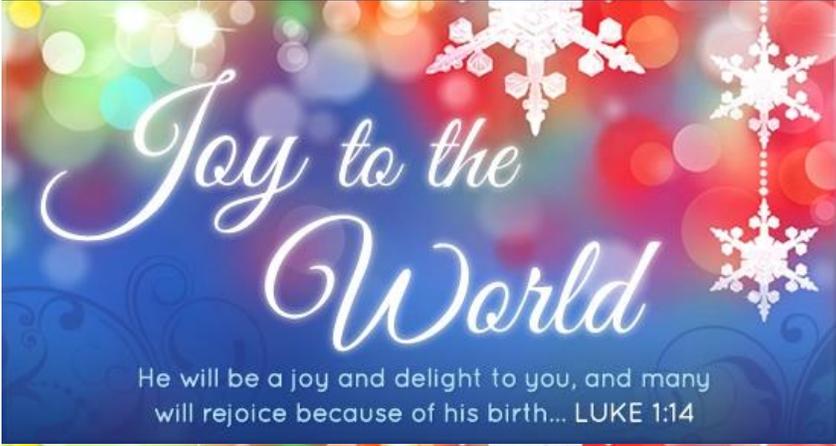
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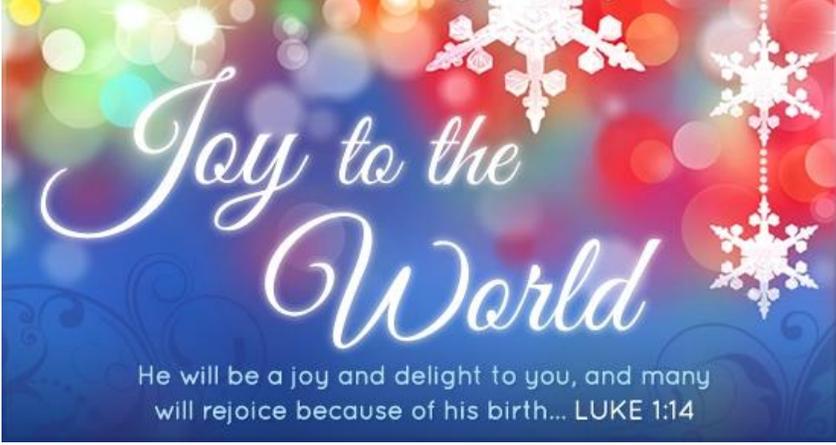
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Leading Prayer in Kids Bizz

Come Together:

Bring the children together in a circle. Ask if there is anything that they would like to pray for.

Some Questions you may ask to help them think:

- Is there something that you would like to praise God and thank him for this week?
- Are you sick or do you need healing?
- Have you hurt anyone or been hurt by something this week that you need to ask forgiveness for?

Pray:

Pray together— there are two choices here:

They can pray for each other or they can pray for themselves (out loud).

Praying for Each other:

If they would like someone else to pray for them ask the child to sit in the middle and for another child to pray for them (ask for volunteers). If both children are comfortable they can lay hands on as they pray.

Praying for themselves:

If they would like to pray for themselves they can either sit in the middle or stay where they are. Ask them to pray in a loud voice so everyone can hear. We want them to be comfortable so be flexible and sensitive to the Child's needs.

Continue through the group until everyone has been prayed for.

Listen:

Then take time to sit and listen to God and see if there is anything that He would like to say to the group. Ask each child to sit silently and listen to God. Explain that God may speak to them all in different ways, e.g. a picture, an idea a colour etc. Then after a minute ask if there is anything the children felt God was saying.

Write:

If anyone has anything please write it in the *Kids Bizz Prayer Journal* with the date, service time and child's name. Then have a leader thank God for the lesson and any healings, words or pictures.