

Simplify

CHRISTMAS – LESSON 4

Hold up the appropriate icon at the start of each element of worship. Describe what is being pictured in each one. Have children help as much as possible.



Sing “Joy to the World” or “O Come All Ye Faithful” as the Call to Worship or continue learning all the verses of “O Worship the King.”



My First Catechism – Question 65
Memory Verse: Matthew 1:21



“Go Tell It on the Mountain” will be a song they will enjoy learning and singing each week this month during praise time.



Read Matthew 2:1-12 and Luke 2:25-38 from the Bible. Because these are long passages, be creative and enthusiastic as if you were reading out of the best children’s book ever written. (You are!)



Sing the Doxology. Consider a special Christmas offering this month.



Before acting out the story, retell it all in your own words with the wonder of a child who is as amazed as he should be. The Hearing of the Word is written out to give you ideas about what to emphasize.



Pray the Lord’s Prayer together.



“Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

What did we learn today about God?

- 1) He keeps His promise even to those who wait a long time, even to those who travel a long way, even to those who are very old.
- 2) Jesus was promised and He came.
- 3) We should worship Him too.

ACTIVITIES:

- 1) Have the children act out the scenes with Anna, Simeon and the Wise Men. Have them worship like the characters did by singing “O Worship the King” and “Holy, Holy, Holy.”
- 2) Have each student make a star ornament. Give each child two copies of the star template to color, cut, and put together.
- 3) Recite the memory verse while working on the coloring sheet. Also see how many of them have memorized the benediction verse.