

## What Your Child Is Learning This Week



December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Welcoming Baby Jesus

Today we read and acted out the Christmas story again.

Please review the Nativity story with your children. A great way to practice the Christmas Story is to give your child a small safe nativity set to play with. The Nativity story is such a precious one that children are delighted to hear it again and again. Here are some ideas for review:

*Who told Mary she was going to have a baby?*

(The Angel Gabriel)

*Where was Jesus born?*

(In a manger in the city of Bethlehem)

*What is the name of Jesus' mom?* (Mary)

*What is the name of Jesus' dad?* (Joseph)

*What did the shepherds see in the sky?*

(A bright star)

*Who told the shepherds about baby Jesus?*

(Angels)

*Why did Jesus come to earth?* (To save us)

In this secular world with sadness and greed, we still have hope and life because Christ came to earth as a baby to be a sacrifice for us.

Demonstrate that belief to your children, and encourage them to be kind and help others who are less fortunate.



**We here in the Religious Education office wish you and your families a blessed Christmas together.**

1<sup>st</sup> classes after the Holidays:

January 8

January 22



## Christmas Tree Blessing

Thank you, God, for this Christmas tree. May it bring us joy and peace and remind us of the beautiful world you created. Bless these lights. May they help us to remember that Jesus is the light of the world. Bless, too, our ornaments. May they remind us of all you have given us: our friends, our family, and the happy times we have shared. Thank you for all your gifts and blessings, Lord. May we share your love whenever we gather around these branches. Amen



When you go to Mass on Christmas, take a few moments to walk up to the crèche with your child so he/she can see the life sized Nativity scene. Explain the story of Jesus' birth to them again and answer their questions. The Nativity will be up for a few weeks. Make the effort to go up and look each week before or after Mass. Your children will be thrilled!



### Questions or concerns?

*Please call the Religious Ed office. Our door is always open to help you in any way we can.*

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"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is His name." Luke 1:46,49