

Lesson No. (18)

Christmas

The Birth of Jesus

References

Luke 2:8-20, The Jesus Story by Mary and Herb Montgomery.

Notes for Servants

- ★ This is a joyful occasion, we must transfer this feeling to our children and make it an unforgettable day for them.
- ★ Jesus' birth changed the future of the whole world, so let Christmas day be the day to create a new life in you.

Objectives

General: Celebrating the birth of Jesus which brought great joy to heaven and earth.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Understand what is Christmas all about.
- B. Feel the importance of Christmas to us.
- C. Thank God for the gifts that we receive.

Bible Verse

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace.”

Luke 2:14

Teaching Aids

1. Prepare your class for this occasion.
 2. Felt figures and flannel board.
 3. Video.
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Introduction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.

Story Time

The time for Mary to have her baby grew closer and closer. Jesus was about to be born. Mary and Joseph were on their way to town called Bethlehem. When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, there was no place for them to stay. They looked everywhere but there was no place anywhere at all.

In Bethlehem, there were many hills with caves. The caves were used as barns where animals could get out of the wind, rain and cold. That night, Mary and Joseph stayed in one of those barns with the animals. This is where the Lord Jesus was born.

Mary covered her beautiful baby, so that He would be as warm and comfortable as possible. Then, she put Him in a manger. (Servant explain that the manger is the container in which people put food for the animals.)

Nearby, some shepherds were taking care of their sheep. They saw an angel that scared them. "Do not be afraid," the angel said. "I bring you news of great joy." Then, the angel told them that a Saviour who was Christ the Lord had been born.

The shepherds said, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see what has happened." They hurried off. They found Joseph, Mary and the baby, who was in the manger.

It was the first Christmas. It was Jesus' birthday.

When the shepherds went back to take care of their sheep, they praised God for all the wonderful things they had seen and heard.

Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

Learning Activities

Colouring Page.