

Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program
Preschool Lessons, Phase 2 – Lesson 13
Baby Jesus (Luke 2:1-7)

Theme: Christmas

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. The uniqueness of the Lord's birth is plainly told in Matthew and Luke: the Lord's "Father" was the Divine Itself. (TCR 83, 84)
- B. The Lord was born on earth to save the human race. "The Lord from eternity, who is Jehovah, came into the world, that He might subjugate the hells and glorify His human. Without this no mortal could have been saved, and they are saved who believe in Him." (TCR 2)

II. Story Circle

- A. Introduce the Story
 - 1. Today we are going to learn about one of everyone's favorite stories from the Word! We are going to hear about the Lord being born as a tiny baby.
- B. Tell/Read the Story
 - 1. Luke 2:1-7
 - 2. *Or* Read one of the Christmas storybooks available. The children will love to see the story in pictures.
- C. Ideas to Discuss
 - 1. What was the Lord's mother's name? (Mary)
 - 2. Who was married to Mary? (Joseph)
 - 3. Where did they go when they went to be registered? (Bethlehem)
 - 4. There was no room for them in any of the hotels or inns in Bethlehem. So where did Mary and Joseph spend the night? (In a stable)
 - 5. What name did Mary give to the Lord? (Jesus)
 - 6. What did they wrap the Baby Jesus up in? (Swaddling clothes)
 - 7. Where did Mary lay Jesus down to sleep? (In a manger)
- D. Further Ideas
 - 1. It is an amazing thing that the Lord God was born on earth as a tiny baby!
 - 2. It is important to remember that the Lord was born on earth because He loves us so much.
 - 3. Christmas is a time for celebrating the Lord's birthday and thinking about how much He loves us all.

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III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

1. Ask the children to choose a favorite Christmas song.

B. Activities

1. Act out the Christmas story.
2. Bring in lots of baby dolls. Let each child wrap a baby in swaddling cloths and then hold the baby as Mary and Joseph might have held "Baby Jesus."

C. Project

1. Baby Jesus in the Manger
 - a. Before class cut circles out of construction paper, poster board, or gold cardboard. Also cut out half-circles of white or light colored paper that the children can color on.
 - b. In class, children draw the Baby Jesus on the half-circle. Then they can glue their Jesus on half of the full circles, and fold. Now the Baby Jesus can rock to sleep.
 - c. Text slip on back: "And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger."

IV. Teaching Aids

- A. Baby dolls to dress in swaddling cloths (strips of soft white cloth)
- B. Christmas story books
- C. Pictures of the Baby Jesus

V. Further Reading for the Teacher