

Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program
Preschool Lessons, Phase 1 - Lesson 15
Jesus Amazes the Scholars (Luke 2:41-50)

Theme: Christmas - The Lord's Childhood

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. The Lord came on earth for 3 reasons:
 - 1. To glorify the Human - to be the Divine Human
 - 2. To begin a new church - the Christian church
 - 3. To save the heavens from the hells

- B. The Lord "became the Word" by being *living truth*

II. Story Circle

- A. Introduce the story
 - 1. When the Lord was a young boy he lived with Mary and Joseph, brothers, and sisters, as a family. But as He grew up He knew that He wasn't a regular child. He knew He was the Lord born on earth and that He had a big job to do on earth, to teach people to be good, and to become *God!* When He was only 12 years old He was already smarter than all the old wise men in the temple, the "scholars"!

- B. Tell/read the story
 - 1. Luke 2:41-50

- C. Ideas to discuss
 - 1. Why were Jesus and His family in Jerusalem? (To celebrate the Passover)
 - 2. How old was Jesus in this story? (12 years old)
 - 3. Did Jesus leave to go home with Joseph and Mary? (No. He stayed behind in the temple)
 - 4. What was He doing in the temple? (Talking with the scholars and asking questions)
 - 5. How did Mary and Joseph feel when they discovered He was not with them? (Very worried)
 - 6. When they found Him in the temple, what did Jesus say? ("Why are you looking for me? Don't you know I must go about My Father's business?")

- D. Further ideas
 - 1. What did the Lord mean when He said that He must "go about His Father's business? His mother Mary and Joseph didn't understand. They didn't realize that He was going to teach people, and work all His life to save the human race. They knew He was special, but they didn't understand He was the Lord.

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III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

1. "Father in Heaven" (New Liturgy p. 452)
2. "Heavenly Father" (New Liturgy p. 448)

B. Activity

1. Act out the story, using simple costumes if possible.
2. Maze: "Help Mary and Joseph find young Jesus."

C. Project: Hold a Feast of the Passover

1. Lamb (lamb chops pan broiled, enough for each child to have a taste)
2. Bitter herbs (salad greens such as endive or escarole, and watercress, to be served with the lamb)
3. Unleavened bread (You could make holy supper bread or purchase Wasa crackers at the super market.)

Holy Supper Bread

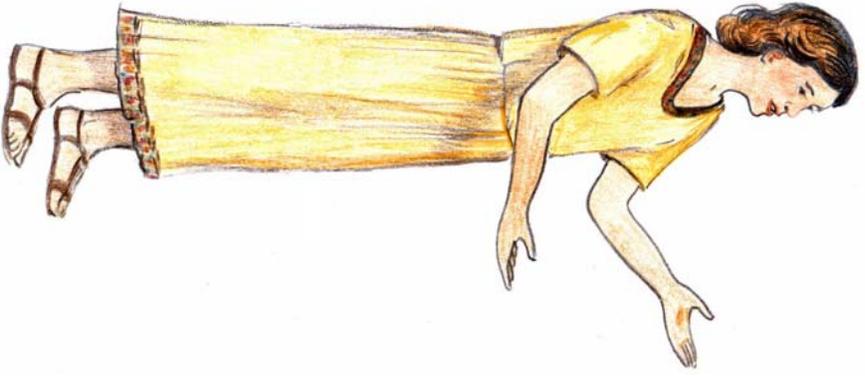
- 1 c. whole wheat flour (or ½ whole wheat and ½ white flour)
- ½ t. salt
- 3 T. olive oil
- 3 T. ice water

***Note:** *If you have a freezer at your facility, put all the ingredients in the freezer for 15 to 20 minutes before you begin. This makes the bread less chewy.*

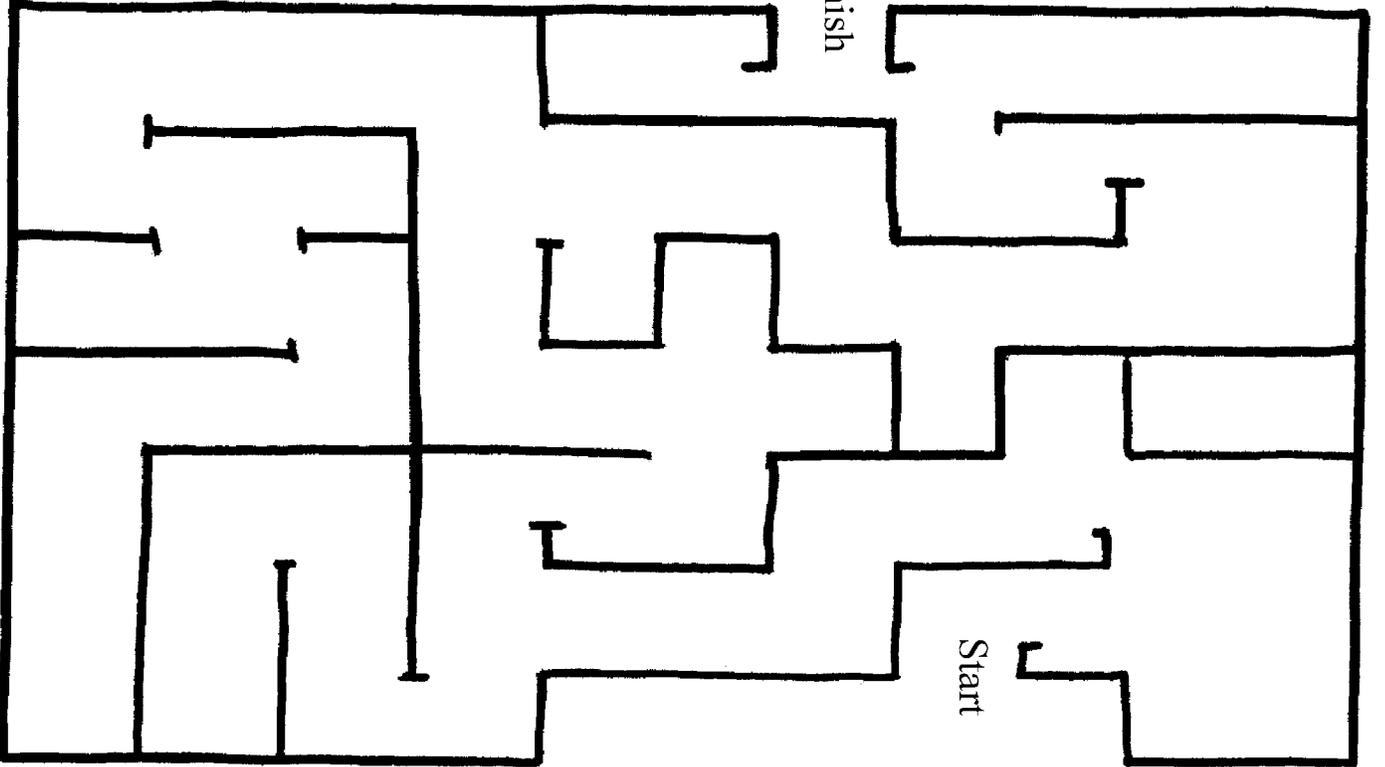
- Combine flour and salt
- Mix in oil with a pastry blender
- Mix in water with a spoon and stir until a ball forms
- Mash together in waxed paper and roll out to about ¼" thick
- Cut into 2 large circles
- Bake at 350° for approximately 12 minutes or until slightly browned
- When cool, separate with plastic wrap & store in an airtight container

IV. Teaching Aids

V. Further Reading for the Teacher



Finish



Start

