

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. What is your favorite part of this story?
 - 2. It is an amazing thing that the Lord God was born on earth. Because He lived on earth as a human being, He knows what it is like to be a human being. Because He was a little child like you, He understands exactly what it is like for you to be a little child.

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3. The Lord loves us so much. That is why He came on earth! It is important to remember that the Lord was born on earth because He loves us so much. Christmas is a time earth because He loves us so much. Christmas is a time that we can remember this, and we can celebrate, and we can thank the Lord for His life on earth.

III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

1. Ask the children to choose their favorite Christmas songs.

B. Activities

1. Act out the Christmas story.
2. Bring in lots of babies, and let each child be Mary or Joseph, and wrap the baby up in swaddling clothes, and love their "Baby Jesus."

C. Project

1. "My Book About Jesus"
 - a. Photocopy a set of book pages for each child. You may want to bind them before class, or perhaps punch holes down the middle for the children to "sew" with yarn.
 - b. In class children can color the pages. Read a finished book to the class.
2. 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 Jesus dolls
- B. Christmas story books
- C. Pictures of the Baby Jesus

V. Further Reading for the Teacher