

We Believe Workshop objectives

Advent: The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-20

The Art Workshop explores Luke 2:1-20 through creative art experiences.

Objectives of the Workshop

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Practice wrapping a baby doll in bands of cloth.
- Hear the story of Jesus' birth and the visit of the shepherds.
- Make a felt banner that shows God's glory and celebrates Jesus' birth.

The Audiovisual Workshop explores Luke 2:1-20 through audiovisual media that is heard, viewed or made.

Objectives of the Workshop

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Identify things or situations that they fear.
- Learn the names of some common fears and phobias (optional for older children).
- View and respond to *The Animated Stories from the New Testament: The King Is Born DVD*, which portrays the birth of Jesus and the angels' announcement to the shepherds.
- Pray for courage for themselves and others in times of fear.

The Computer Workshop explores Luke 2:1-20 using computers. Sometimes computers are used to tell the story and sometimes they are used to respond to it.

Objectives of the Workshop

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Watch a clip from the movie *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.
- Hear the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, the birth of Jesus and the angels' visit to the shepherds as told by Luke.
- Use the *Fluffy & God's Amazing Christmas Adventure CD* to experience the story.

The Drama/Storytelling Workshop explores Luke 2:1-20 by retelling the story in ways that help children remember it.

Objectives of the Workshop

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Connect to the story by visualizing the context (sights, smells, and sounds) of the first Christmas.
- Consider the magnitude of God's gift of Jesus: Savior, Messiah and Lord.
- Respond to the story through the creation of "Found Poems" (for older children).

The Games and Puzzles Workshop explores Luke 2:1-20 by having children play biblically related games or puzzles.

Objectives of the Workshop

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Consider the story of the birth of Jesus through the eyes of Luke.
- Talk about differences between the Luke and Matthew versions of the story.
- Consider some of the names that are used for Jesus.
- Play a bingo game that includes many of the terms that are used during the Advent season.

The Music and Worship Workshop explores Luke 2:1-20 through music and makes the connection to worship in PC(USA) congregations.

Objectives of the Workshop

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Hear the story of Jesus' birth from the Gospel of Luke.
- Learn the song "That Boy-Child of Mary," which tells who Jesus is.
- Write the different names for Jesus on strips of cloth to adorn a cradle during the worship time.

The Bonus: Storybook Workshop explores Luke 2:1-20 by hearing, seeing, and reflecting on storybooks about Jesus' birth.

Objectives of the Workshop

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Complete a "What's Wrong with This Picture?" puzzle.
- Read, look at and compare storybooks about Jesus' birth.
- Hear the story of Jesus' birth from the book of Luke.
- Make a storybook page that places them in the story.