



Activity Time

What you need: A copy of the “Our Gifts for Jesus” activity (artwork included with this lesson) , scissors, glue, card stock or poster board and pen or pencil.

Preparation:

1. Print out the artwork.
2. Glue artwork to card stock or poster board.
3. Cut out artwork (set presents aside).
4. Glue matching fence pieces together, right sides out. Glue stable together, right sides out. Assemble Nativity scene by inserting “B” taps into “A” slots and “D” tabs into “C” slots.
5. Place “Nativity” family into Stable by sliding tabs on sides of Mary and Joseph over the top of the bottom fence rails.
6. Glue or tape star and sheep on stable.

Activity:

1. Display the “Nativity Scene.”
2. Ask: What is Christmas? (It is a holiday to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.)
3. Ask: Who foretold the birth of Christ? (Prophets of old, such as Isaiah, Samuel the Lamanite, Micah, Nephi, and Alma.)
4. Ask: What do they call those who believe in Jesus Christ? (Christians.)
5. Ask: Are we Christians? (Yes.)
6. Ask: Why do we give gifts at Christmas time? (Discuss ideas.)
7. Ask: Do all gifts cost money? (Discuss ideas. Conclude with the idea that the best gifts are gifts of obedience and service.)
8. Ask: What gifts has Jesus Christ given us? (Discuss ideas.)
9. Explain: Because we are true believers in Jesus Christ we should give Him gifts to show Him that we love Him: gifts of service, obedience and sharing His gospel.
10. Play Game:
 - A. Place the “gifts” in a pile to the side of the Nativity scene.
 - B. Take turns choosing a gift and then telling what you will give to Jesus (help children to be specific; such as inviting a non-member friend to primary, paying a full tithe, visiting an elderly neighbor or the sick, obeying parents, sharing your toys, caroling to neighbors, etc.)
 - C. Write the answer on the back of the gift and place it in front of the manger.
 - D. Encourage family members to work hard to give these gifts to our Savior, not just at Christmas time, but throughout their lives. They will then be prepared as they faithfully watch for the signs of Jesus' return, like the Christians who waited for the “sign” Samuel the Lamanite had given them.







