

OLD TESTAMENT 2022

Come, Follow Me

with

Living Scriptures

STREAMING

Rejoice in Christ

Christmas

Objectives:

- Talk about what your family has learned about Jesus Christ from the Old Testament and how your family can rejoice in Christ.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Prophecies of Jesus Christ, Names of Jesus Christ, Joy

Reverence Time

Song: Silent Night, Hymn #204

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/hymns/silent-night>

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Video: Watch this week's clip from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. Find the clip at <https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-rejoice>

Lesson

Summary:

Throughout the Old Testament we have learned about God and His promises to the House of Israel. One of the greatest promises was that a Savior would come to redeem us from our sins. Through His atonement our salvation would be made possible. He would love us and help us.

Many prophets in the Old Testament foretold of His life and teachings. They foretold of His death and sacrifice. They foretold of His triumph over death and His eventual return. They rejoiced in His goodness, mercy, and majesty. They pleaded with their people and with future generations to follow Him and believe in Him.

At Christmastime we remember the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies of Christ's birth and life on earth. May we rejoice in Christ and share His love with others during this special Christmas season.

Quote:

"We bear testimony, as His duly ordained Apostles—that Jesus is the Living Christ, the immortal Son of God. He is the great King Immanuel, who stands today on the right hand of His Father. He is the light, the life, and the hope of the world. His way is the path that leads to happiness in this life and eternal life in the world to come. God be thanked for the matchless gift of His divine Son." The Living Christ, paragraph 13

Questions:

What have we learned in the Old Testament about Jesus Christ?

How does Jesus Christ bring you joy?

How can you share that joy with others?

Activity Time

Names of Christ

Description: We can come to know Christ better by learning of His many names in the scriptures. Decorate ornaments with names of Christ in this family activity.

What you need:

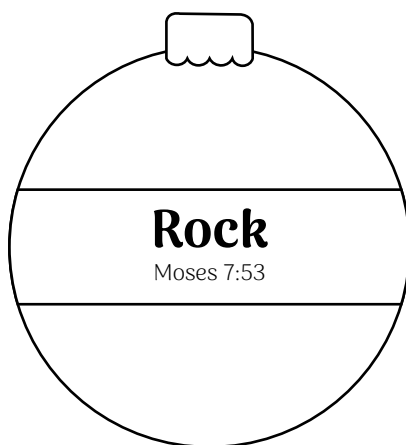
- A copy of the of the “Names of Christ” artwork (included with this lesson), scissors, and markers, crayons, glitter glue or colored crayons, or any other desired decorations, hole punch, string or yarn

Preparation: 1. Print out a copy of the “Names of Christ” ornaments and cut them out. Punch a hole at the top of each and tie a loop of string through the hole to hang the ornament with.

Activity: Explain that throughout the Old Testament, prophets used different names to describe Jesus Christ. By learning about these names we learn more about Jesus.

Divide the ornaments among family members and let them color and decorate them. When everyone is finished decorating, place them on the tree one at a time, reading the name and the scripture. Talk about what you learn about Jesus from that name/scripture.





Treat Time

Gingerbread Nativity

Prep Time: 45 minutes
Bake Time: 15 minutes
Cool Time: 30 minutes
(Makes 2 stables and 18 Christmas shapes)



Ingredients:	Gingerbread	Marzipan
	1/2 c. packed brown sugar	2 c. powdered sugar
	1/4 c. shortening	2 c. blanched almonds
	3/4 c. molasses	1 egg white (may substitute
	1/3 c. cold water	1 3/4 tsp. egg white powder
	3 1/2 c. flour	and 2 Tbls. water)
	1 tsp. baking soda	1 tsp. almond extract
	1 tsp. ground ginger	1/4 tsp. lemon juice
	1/2 tsp. salt	(Or purchase a 10 oz. can
	1/2 tsp. ground allspice	prepared Almond Paste)

Instructions: **Gingerbread:** Print and cut out the stable/manger pattern included with this lesson. Grease a 9 inch square pan, and a jelly roll pan. Cream brown sugar, shortening and molasses. Stir in cold water. Stir in remaining ingredients. Evenly press or roll 1/4 of the dough into square pan and the rest into the jelly roll pan. Bake for 15 minutes at 350° F. (Make icing and marzipan while gingerbread bakes.)

Immediately turn gingerbread out of pan onto a clean surface. While still warm, cut out (using the pattern pieces) with a sharp knife or a pizza cutter (Square pan: stable floors and mangers. Jelly roll pan: all other pieces). Cool completely, approximately 30 minutes or make the day before. Assemble during treat time.

Marzipan: Grind almonds in blender or food processor until fine. Add the remaining ingredients and mix to make a stiff paste. Knead until smooth and pliable.

Treat Time: Assemble stables and mangers and create marzipan baby Jesus



Stable and manger: Assemble by applying icing (1 c. powdered sugar, 2 1/2 Tbs. shortening, 1 Tbs. light corn syrup and 2 tps. milk) to edges of pieces and press together. Frost the top of the roof and floor. Apply hay to roof and floor and fill manger (1/2 cup shredded coconut + 5 drops yellow food coloring mixed together in a plastic sandwich bag). If desired, run a bead of icing along all edges to finish off. Place manger in stable.

Baby Jesus: Mold out of marzipan. Blanket is made by rolling marzipan into a very thin square and then wrap around baby. Place baby in manger.

A diagram of a stable layout. It consists of three rectangular sections. The top section is a large rectangle with a triangular roof on its right side, labeled "Stable Back". Below it are two smaller, side-by-side rectangles, both labeled "Stable Side".

Stable Back

Stable Side

Stable Side

