

Our goals for Young Children's Learning About Christmas

1. Christmas is a special time when we remember the birth of Jesus
2. There were people who visited Jesus and some brought gifts.
(Epiphany)
3. Jesus was God's gift to us because God loves us so much. Jesus came to show us what God is like.
4. Children can begin to feel the specialness of God's love as they prepare to share love with others.
5. We give gifts to people we love. (also, gifts of our self)
6. We can give gifts even to people we do not know and especially to people in need.
7. Christmas is a happy, fun time with family and friends.
8. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the coming of the Christ child.

Staff Scripture – Luke 2:4a, 5-20

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

– don't let the story be boring and repetitious. Use different books to tell the story if needed

Focus on the birth of Jesus not Jesus' Birthday

Santa – We don't deny it but we do not encourage it

Trees – put up in each classroom – collect underwear, socks, gloves and scarves to decorate.

** Staff Lunch on December 17th! We will draw names for each other and get a Christmas card to be signed by the whole staff. We will also be collecting money to go to Spencer as a Christmas gift in thanks for all he does for us.

Remember we do not leave Baby Jesus in the manger. Tell children that Jesus didn't stay a baby, he grew just like you are growing – it took a long time.