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Saint Francis of Assisi
Saint Francis loved all living things.

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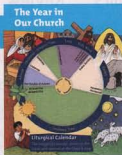
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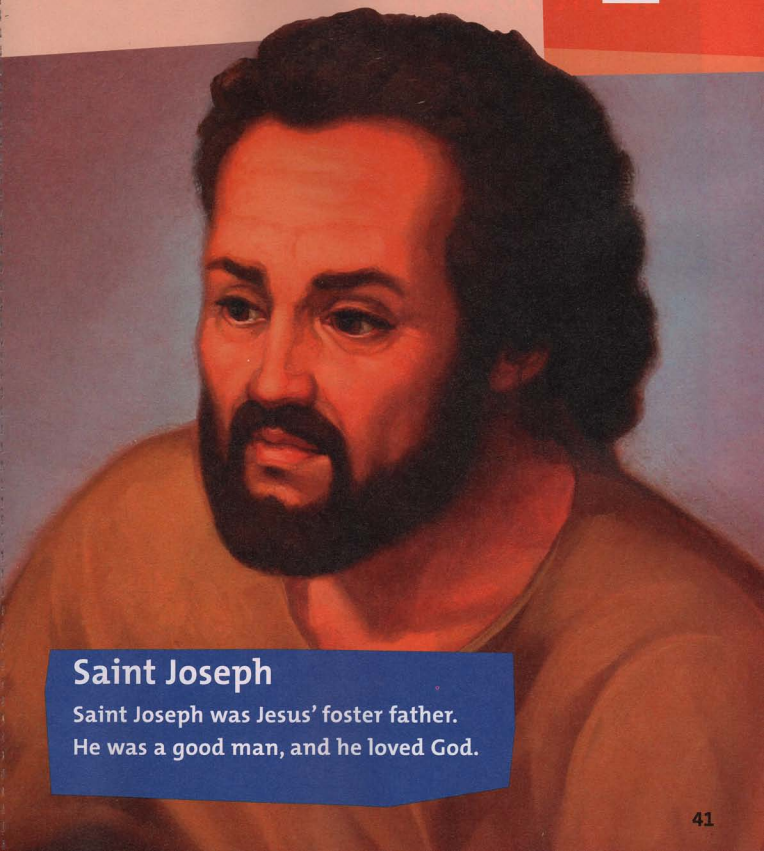


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Jesus Loves Us

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Saint Joseph

Saint Joseph was Jesus' foster father.
He was a good man, and he loved God.

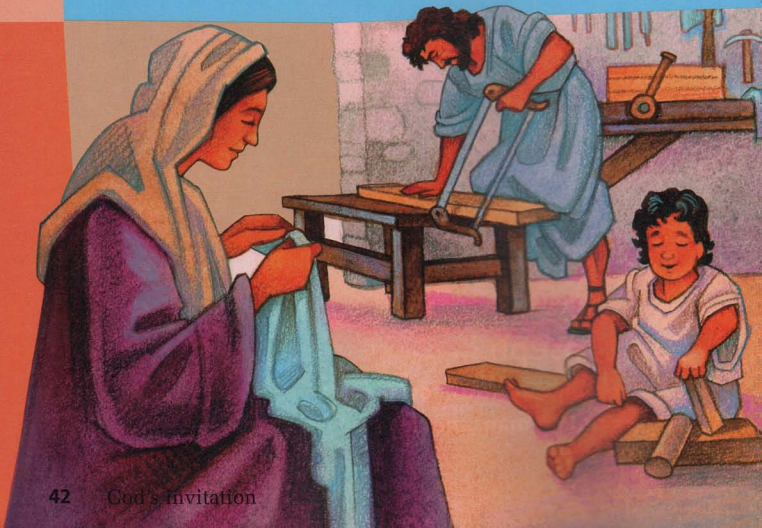
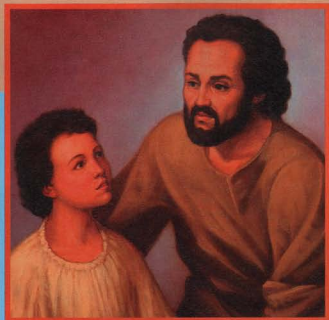
Saint Joseph

Joseph was a carpenter.
He worked hard.

Mary was Joseph's wife.
She was going to have a baby.

An angel spoke to Joseph. The angel said that Mary's
baby would be called Jesus.

Joseph cared for Jesus and Mary his whole life.



God Sends Jesus

Session 6



David has a new sister.

Katie has a new puppy.

What is new in your family?

How does having something new make you feel?

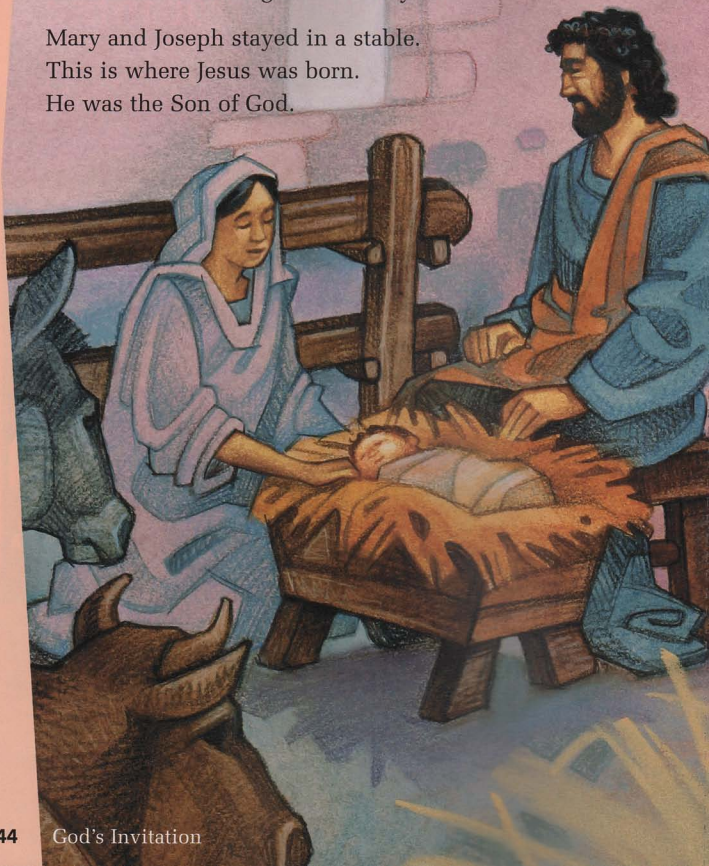
Prayer

Loving God, show me how to always welcome Jesus into my heart.

Jesus Is Born

Mary was going to have a baby. She and Joseph were far from home. There was no room for them at the inn. Imagine how they felt.

Mary and Joseph stayed in a stable.
This is where Jesus was born.
He was the Son of God.



It was a special time when Jesus was born. Shepherds were in the fields. God sent **angels** to them. The angels sang songs. They told the shepherds where to find Jesus.

adapted from Luke 2:4-14



Did You Know?

The name *Jesus* means “God saves.”
God sent Jesus to save us.

Shepherds Visit Jesus

The shepherds were the first to see Jesus. They were people like you and me. This is how God wanted it. We celebrate Jesus' birth at **Christmas**.



Reading God's Word

Mary kept her feelings in her heart. The shepherds thanked God for all they heard and saw.

adapted from Luke 2:19-20

Born in a Stable

Jesus is the Son of God, who became man.
Jesus was born in a stable. Why?
God wanted to teach us something.
We can find him in unexpected places.

The Holy Family

God sent us his only Son, Jesus.
Joseph and Mary cared for him.
We call Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
the **Holy Family**.

Who's Who?

Look at the pictures below.
Write the name of each person
on the line.





Prayer

Imagine you are with the Holy Family. You are in the stable where Jesus was born.

Look around. What is it like? Ask Mary and Joseph if you may hold their new baby.

Jesus is in your arms. You hold him against your heart. What do you want to say to him? Let him know how much you love him. Then give him back to Mary and Joseph.



Living My Faith

Faith Summary

God wanted to show us his love. He sent us his Son, Jesus. Joseph and Mary were Jesus' parents on earth. Jesus needed them both.

Words I Learned

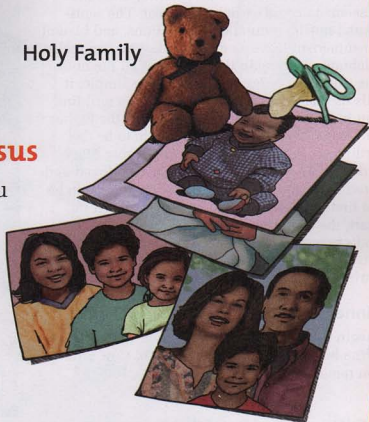
angel Christmas Holy Family
Joseph Mary

Ways of Being Like Jesus

Be friendly to someone you just met.

With My Family

Ask your family about the day you were born. What was it like?



Prayer

Thank you, God, for sending us Jesus.

My Response

How can you welcome Jesus into your heart?

Focus on Faith

Jesus Is Born

The commercial hype surrounding Christmas seems to come earlier every year. The sentimental music, redundant decorations, and blatant consumerism leave us exhausted. Who can really celebrate anything in the middle of all the noise? The true story of Jesus' birth is quite simple: it tells us that when we look for God, we will find him in unexpected places. When God the Father sent Jesus, he chose a humble stable to be the birthplace. For Jesus' parents, God chose Mary and Joseph—good, modest people who loved and cared for Jesus. He selected poor shepherds to be the first to learn of the coming of Jesus. At its heart, the Christmas story calls us to focus on God's presence all around us and examine what is truly important in our lives. We can prepare for Christmas with planned moments of peace.

Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Begin a discussion about how you will celebrate the holiday season in your home. How will you remember the birth of Jesus?

Spirituality in Action

Talk with your child about how God especially blesses those in need. Encourage small acts of generosity, such as opening doors for others, giving up a seat on a bus, and carrying someone's groceries.



Focus on Prayer

Your child is learning to pray with the Holy Family. Ask him or her to tell you why Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are special. Then light a candle, and pray silently with your child.



The Nativity, Gustave Doré

Hints for at Home

Build a manger. With your child, gather twigs, leaves, and dried grass. At home, create a support by fastening the twigs together with twine or glue. Then arrange the remaining twigs across the support and add grass and leaves. Keep your manger until Advent, and place it on a mantle or under the Christmas tree to remind you why this time is special.



Review

Session 10



Long ago, far away, it had not rained for a long time. No plants would grow. There was no food. People were very hungry.

They asked Saint Joseph for help. Soon it began to rain. Plants grew. At last, there was food.

People wanted to thank Saint Joseph. They made a great meal. Everyone shared. People still do this today.



Prayer

Jesus, my teacher, help me always remember how much God loves me.

Faith Summary

God sent his Son to show that he loves us.

God chose Joseph and Mary to care for Jesus.



Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer. In it we ask God to give us what we need. We ask God to forgive us and to help us forgive others.

When Jesus died, his friends were sad. When they found out he was alive, they were very happy!

Christmas in the Philippines

Some people in the Philippines celebrate Christmas in a special way. They hang stars made of paper.



Some stars have lights inside. The light shines through holes in the stars. The light tells us Jesus is with us.

Christmas Star

Make your own Christmas Star.

Color it and cut it out.

Then hang it up.





Prayer Service

Leader: *Let us pray the Sign of the Cross.*

Each time we are kind to others, we are giving them something they need.

All: *Jesus, help me to be kind to others.*

Leader: *How we treat those who are less fortunate is how we are treating Jesus.*

All: *Jesus, help me to care for others.*

Leader: *Let us pray the Lord's Prayer.*

All: *Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.*

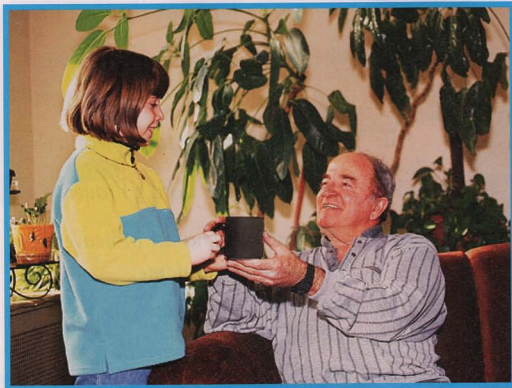
Living My Faith

Ways of Being Like Jesus

Pray to God the Father often.

With My Family

Do you know anyone who is lonely? Plan a visit or invite him or her to your home.



Prayer

Thank you, God, for teaching me to be like Jesus.

My Response

You have learned about Jesus. What was the best thing you learned about him?