



Lesson Two: The Story of Christmas

Objective: Announce the Good News of the Birth of Our Savior

Target Group: Grades K-3

Time Allotted: 40 minutes

Materials Required: Nativity set, age-appropriate storybook (optional), supplies for Paper Plate Angel Activity

Lesson Plan

Resources for educators: Gospel of Luke, (Luke 2:1-40)

Lesson Topic: The Angels and Shepherds

Goals:

- a. Remove modern commercialization from the Christmas story
- b. Learn more about the angels and shepherds who announced the Messiah's birth

Lesson:

- a. Begin by reading the story of the Jesus' birth, from Luke 2:1-40, or from an age-appropriate storybook with a focus on the angels and/or shepherds who were present for the birth of Jesus.
- b. Recommended discussion questions:
 1. What is an angel?
 2. Can anyone name an angel?
 3. What is an angel's job?
 4. Who are the shepherds?
 5. What does a shepherd do?
- c. Activity
 - a. Paper Plate Angel: follow directions on the accompanying worksheet to help students create angels out of paper plates.

Conclusion:

Examining the Nativity is a way for students to engage in the story of Christmas by understanding those who were present for the birth of Jesus and the surroundings into which he was born. This helps students to better understand our Catholic Christmas traditions and their significance, as opposed to more commercialized aspects of the season.

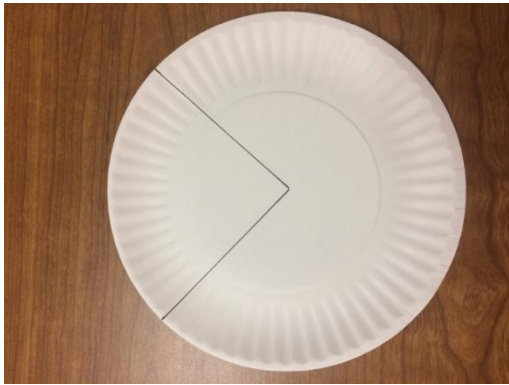


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Lesson Two Activity: Paper Plate Angels

Each student will need: One paper plate, a small piece of paper (for angel's head), glue, scissors, and crayons

Step one: Have the students draw a triangle on their paper plate. The triangle should be no bigger than 1/3 of the plate.



Step two: Cut the triangle.

Step three: On the paper, draw a circle about 2 inches wide and cut it out.

Step four: Glue the triangle and circle onto the paper plate as shown.



Step five: Draw a face for the angel and decorate the wings.