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Holiday Ideas

Story Starter Story Box

Supplies needed: Shoe box (covered or plain with a lid), various Christmas related objects such as a candy cane, a baby blanket, an apron, a Christmas ornament, a bell, and a shopping list

Use this fun idea when you have a few extra minutes. Fill a shoe box with the items chosen. To tell the story, remove an item, such as the candy cane, and say, "One day at the mall, my mom bought me a candy cane!" Invite students to add to the story; then remove other items, in turn, to add new story elements.



Names of Jesus Garland

Supplies needed: Christmas wrapping paper or Christmas scrapbook paper, white card stock, ribbon, and laminating paper

Cut out Christmas wrapping or scrapbooking paper to the desired size circle. Cut circles of white cardstock out with the following names printed on them (nine circles in all) saying: "Oh, come, let us adore Him"; "Wonderful Counselor"; "Mighty God"; "Everlasting Father"; "Prince of Peace"; "Jesus"; "Emmanuel"; "Son of the Most High"; "Glory to God in the Highest". Laminate each circle then hole punch and thread each one on a Christmas ribbon. Garland measures approximately 60" in length and has loose ends so you can tie it at the appropriate length.



Twelve Days of Christmas: An Advent of Family Devotions and Acts of Kindness

Supplies Needed: 12 green envelopes per child, a gold star cut from cardstock, poster board, glue or tape. 12 devotions or acts of kindness, instructions, small candies that are age appropriate, markers, Christmas foam shapes, or stickers. Magnets or ribbon to display.

Give each child 12 green envelopes that have been numbered 1-12, the 12 family devotions/acts of kindness, the star, and glue or tape. Instruct the children to put the family devotion/act of kindness in the corresponding numbered envelope along with candy. Allow them to decorate each envelope. Glue or tape each envelope on the poster board to make the shape of a tree. Place the envelope labeled #12 at the top. Attach the star. Put the instructions on the back of the poster. Each day/night for twelve days leading up to Christmas day, families open one envelope and enjoy the activity together.



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