

Religious Education

Find the Silver Lining

First Sunday of Advent



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Pre-K, K, and 1st graders

One of our favorite activities in the Pre Kindergarten--First Grade classroom is singing! We start every class off with prayers and songs. A few of our favorites are songs such as "Lovely Lady Dressed in Blue" and "If I Were a Butterfly" taught to us by our former PreK-1st catechist, Mrs. Jean Whilhelmi. In addition to singing (and dancing of course!) every class also includes a craft, gratitude talks, and an outdoor activity. Every lesson includes time for students to view, reflect

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on, and discuss a piece of inspirational art work related to the lesson for that week. During our first semester of Sunday School, those lessons focused on skills such as understanding the liturgical calendar, discussing how we can listen to God, and practicing our faith through family.

Christmas

Time of preparation

Christmas! The Feast of the Nativity. The most wonderful time of the year! You can almost feel it when December hits. The weather seems to get colder (usually) and you get excited to see the first signs of snow. It is an exciting month that you can literally feel in the nerves in your body because of all of the excitement. People seem happier, Christmas music is playing everywhere, every day gets closer to December 25th- the day we have all been waiting for! December is also a month of preparation. A time to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ! Jesus is the reason we even celebrate! Some of the things that we do in our home to prepare for Him is our Advent Wreath. It sits in the middle of our table so that it is the “main attraction” of almost everything we do. At dinner time, after the table is set and we are all sitting down and ready for prayer, we light the Advent candles right before our dinner prayer is said. We do this every night as a family. Then the kids take turns blowing out



the candles. This is a tradition that allows everyone to get involved. Some other things that we have done is make Birthday Cards for Jesus that we put at the altar before or after Christmas mass. This year I have been asked if we can make a Birthday Cake for Jesus, but I haven't quite decided if we will do this or not. For us though, this really helps us get more focused on Jesus.

“Jesus- The Reason for the Season”



This year is a little different with RE class as it most likely is with everything else you are going through right now. We will all work together though and help each other out as much as possible and we will get through all of this. If you have any questions or problems please feel free to call, email, or text me. I will keep everyone up to date on any changes we need to make throughout the year as well.

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