

## **Seasonal Lesson**

**Key Stage 1/ Junior Primary School**

**Christmas presentation/ prayer service**



**We prepare for the coming of the Baby Jesus at Christmas**

### **Prayer space:**

Place the following items in the prayer space before you begin the lesson

- A red scarf/cloth
- Candle or small night lights (battery or real)
- Bible
- Small Crib if possible or Picture of a Crib



### Let's Look:

- **Read the story of the Birth of Jesus from St. Luke's Gospel 2: 1 – 7**  
“At this time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. Everyone, then, went to register himself each to his own hometown. Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger – there was no room for them to stay in the inn.”

Some questions on the passage of scripture:

- How do you think **Joseph** felt when they got to Bethlehem and there was no room for them in the inn?
- How do you think **Mary** felt when she had her baby?
- If you lived in Bethlehem at that time and saw this young couple without any place to stay – what would you have done?

### Let's Learn:

- Jesus is a very special baby – he is the Son of God and the Son of Mary

### Let's Live:

- During our Christmas holidays this year let us try to help at home so that our families can have a happy time together.
- I can try to do **ONE** nice thing every day at home, e.g., I can empty the dishwasher, or set the table or tidy my bedroom.

## Let us pray together



A wise person once said: That anyone who sings prays twice.

**Let us sing the carol: Away in a Manger - From Primary 1/Junior Infants**

Away in a manger,  
No crib for His bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky  
Looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing  
The poor Baby wakes  
But little Lord Jesus  
No crying He makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus  
Look down from the sky  
And stay by my side,  
'Till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,  
I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever  
And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children  
In Thy tender care

And take us to heaven  
To live with Thee there.



**We offer our prayers now to Baby Jesus:**

1. Baby Jesus, please bless all **the boys and girls** in our school this Christmas.

**Lord hear us**

Response: Lord graciously hear us

2. Baby Jesus, please bless **all the staff** in our school this Christmas. Thank you for all they do for us during the year.

**Lord hear us**

3. Baby Jesus, please bless **all our families** this Christmas. Keep them safe and let us be happy together.

**Lord hear us**

4. Baby Jesus, please bless **all the people who help us in our community.** Help us to show them kindness and respect.

**Lord hear us**

**Together we pray: Hail Mary.....**

**Concluding Prayer:**

God our Father,

Thank you for Christmas.

Thank you for sending Jesus on earth.

Thank you for all the people in my life

Who love me and care for me.

Help me to be kind and thoughtful this Christmas

When I am with my friends or at home.

**Amen.**

**Final Hymn/Carol:**

**Mary – from Junior Infants/ Primary 2**

**Theme 3: Advent & Christmas**



**Check these websites for further ideas**

[www.scoilnet.ie](http://www.scoilnet.ie)

[www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

[www.wmi.ie/advent](http://www.wmi.ie/advent)

[www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

[www.education.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.education.dublindiocese.ie)

[www.dltk-bible.com](http://www.dltk-bible.com)

[www.colour-page.net/christmas](http://www.colour-page.net/christmas)