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PRE-4 CLASSROOM  
DECEMBER 7, 2018**



**Prioritize play.** Kids today are less able to play imaginatively than kids of a decade or two ago. Too much of their day is structured in supervised activities. The antidote: Get comfortable saying "Go play." It's not your job to see that your child is entertained 24/7. Let them get a little bored and begin to use their imagination. But make sure they have items such as dress-up clothes, paint and paper, a big cardboard box, play dough, and etc.

**BIBLE STORIES –**

Next week in our Bible Story time we will study the story "God's Special Message for Mary." In this story the children will learn that God speaks to us through His Word, and we trust in Him and the things He tells us in His Word.



**THIS PAST WEEK –**

We finished up working on the letters H and I. We also worked on the number 8 and got to play some Christmas games that worked on the letters and the numbers. The children also had fun working with the AABB pattern. It was a little tough because they want to revert back to the AB pattern.

**SHOW AND TELL -**

The week of December 10 - 11 will be something that makes your child think of Christmas. It cannot be a gift that they received or are giving.

**TUESDAY** - Declan, Evelyn, Emma, Jaydon, CJ, Charley, Sarah.

**THURSDAY** - Hailey, Maddox, Olivia, Elias, Moses, Teagan.

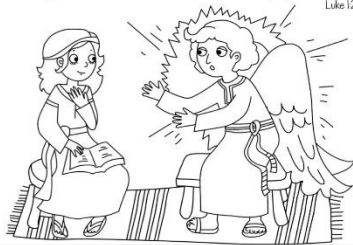
**THIS COMING WEEK –**

We will finish working on letter J and begin working on letter K. We will also be working on the number 9 and reviewing and working with other numbers. Other things we will be working on are the AABB pattern and rhyming words.

**JANUARY 8 -**

Starting the first Tuesday in January, Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be changing show and tell. **ALL** students will have show and tell on Tuesdays. There will be **NO MORE** show and tell on Thursdays. **ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE SHOW AND TELL EVERY TUESDAY.** This works much better with our schedule. It gives the children more activity time.

The angel said, "Do not be afraid. You are very special to God." Luke 1:29



**CHILDREN'S GIFT EXCHANGE –**

The children will be participating in a gift exchange. Girls should bring a gift marked

**TO: GIRL FROM:** (your child's name)

Boys bring a gift marked

**TO: BOY FROM:** (your child's name)

Please keep the cost of the gift between \$8.00 to \$10.00.

Have all gifts wrapped, labeled and to the classroom no later than December 14.

"Do not be afraid, Mary you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

**DATES TO REMEMBER –**

- All school Christmas practice from 9:00 - 10:30 Saturday December 8.
- Children's Christmas Service - Sunday December 16 at 3:00.
- Field Trip to the Marriott Lincolnshire to see "Shrek". Tuesday December 18.
- Children's Christmas will be done again Friday December 21 at 11:00
- **EARLY RELEASE** - Friday December 21st, directly after the 11:00 Children's Service.
- **NO SCHOOL** - Christmas Vacation - December 22 through January 6
- Classes resume January 7, 2019

**Contact Information –**

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