

BETHANY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL  
News from our 4-year old class  
December, 2018

Dear Parents,

Monthly Scripture: Luke 2:16

The children will soon begin to show the excitement of the Christmas season. We will be discussing the birth of Jesus and customs that go with this holiday. Many of our songs and crafts will relate to the holiday season. Christmas is a time of excitement and enthusiasm, therefore, it is difficult for a child to display their best behavior at all times. We will be talking about how Christmas gifts do not always come wrapped in paper and ribbon. Christ's greatest gift to us was love and the best gift we can give are gifts of love shown by helping others; something all children are capable of doing.

We will be making mangers in preparation of Baby Jesus. I am sending home little slips of paper hay to be used as gifts of love to soften His manger. I suggest that each time your child does a good deed or displays desirable behavior, you list them on individual slips of "hay" and send them to school. They can bring these to class and we will share them in circle time. The children will then be able to add them to his/her manger as a means of positive reinforcement. When you run out of "hay" there will be more on the hallway cork strip. PLEASE put your child's name on the reverse side of the "hay".

Some good deed suggestions to look for are: Please use your discretion

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| Dressing oneself                              | picking up toys                 |
| Holding the door open for others              | displaying patience             |
| Setting the table, clearing table             | bringing in the mail            |
| Using manners; please, thank you, etc.        | putting pajamas in proper place |
| Getting ready for outdoors                    |                                 |
| OR ANY type of behavior you want to reinforce |                                 |

Our studies this month will review the triangle, and introduce the square. We will be reinforcing the numbers 1-10 but if your child is having trouble mastering these numbers, please help us by reviewing them at home. Watch the calendar for our alphabet study.

Our (program) birthday celebration for Jesus will be Dec. 17 at 6:30. The children are to come to the classroom and the program will be held in the Carlson hall. A signup sheet will be on the hallway cork strip if you would be willing to bring in a refreshment. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Needed from home for JAN.  
½ gal. Milk/juice container  
Cardboard-emptied & washed

Have a joyous holiday,

*Gloria*

Scripture Luke 2:16  
So the shepherds hurried off and found Mary, Joseph  
and the baby, who was lying in the manger.