

Sermon Luke 2 + Matthew 1 Christmas Play 2011

Sermon: Christmas Play 2011 (PPS)

Text: Luke 2 + Matthew 1: The Story of the First Christmas

Them: How does GOD guide our lives

Goal: To show the love of God guiding the life of Jesus and our lives.

Dear Children,

Dear Friends,

Introduction: God is always in charge of our lives! He takes care of us even in the little details that happen to us. Let's see how He took care of His Son Jesus when He was born at the first Christmas and how He guides our lives as well.

1 - (Picture: Angel Gabriel and Mary): A long time ago, God had planned to send His Son from heaven to live for a while with us on earth. He chose a girl named (...) Mary to be the mother of Jesus. He sent the Angel Gabriel to announce it to Mary. There was nothing special about Mary, apart from her faith in the promises of God, that He would send the Savior. She accepted with gladness to be the mother of Jesus!

God gave each of you a mother as well. You are a gift of God to your mother. Your mother takes care of you as a precious gift of God. Give a kiss every day to your mother, saying: Thank you, mom; I love you!

2 - (Picture: Joseph and Mary): God gave a human father to baby Jesus as well. His name is (...) Joseph. What's the name of your father? (...) Thank God for your father too and say him: I love you, daddy.

3 - (Picture: Joseph and Mary traveling to Bethlehem): Before baby Jesus was born, Joseph and Mary had to travel to their home town, Bethlehem. They didn't have a car. Joseph walked and Mary rode a (...) donkey. It was a long journey. God took care of them.

You often travel with your parents. Always remember to pray, asking for protection. God will guide you safely. Jesus promised: "I am always with you!"

4 - (*Picture: There is no place in the inn*): Sometimes our plan doesn't work out as we would expect it. This happened to Joseph and Mary as well. They had planned to stay in a small hostel in Bethlehem. But when they arrived there, there was no room in any hostel. All hostels were packed with the people also coming for the census. However they had to find a place to sleep that night. God provided a very simple place for them: a stable. But it was safe and warm. They spent the night there.

5 - (*Picture: Jesus' birth*): And on that very night, Jesus was born! There, in the stable! Can you imagine the Son of God being born in a stable? - God has sometimes strange plans for us. Things don't always turn out the way we have planned them. But God knows what the best is for us. His intention was that His Son should be born in a simple place and should live a very humble life, loving the simple people.

We must not despise anybody because of his origin. If someone is poor, God loves him just the same as He loves you. Jesus was a poor baby; but He had the love of Joseph and Mary, and, above all, He had the love of God, His heavenly Father! God loves you as well! Do you know it? Do you believe it?

6 - (*Picture: The shepherds*): God sent a very special messenger to announce that Jesus had been born. God sent an angel from heaven. His name was (...) Gabriel. And with Gabriel, a big choir of angels came down from heaven and they sang Glory to God! - The first ones to receive the good message were shepherds. They ran from the fields to the stable and adored baby Jesus in the manger.

7 - (*Picture: The wise men*): God wanted more people to know about His Son Jesus. He placed a big, shiny star in the sky! Some very rich people from far away saw this star. They followed the star and they

found Jesus with Mary and Joseph! They became so happy!!! They gave beautiful gifts to baby Jesus.

8 - (*Picture: Mary and the baby*): God's plan is that all the people should hear about His love and about His Son Jesus. Year after year we celebrate Christmas to remember the great love of God and to testify that Jesus is our Savior.

9 - (*Picture: The nativity scene*): We come to the church and to the Sunday School to worship Jesus, as the shepherds and wise men did it at the first Christmas. Jesus is our Friend and we will always cling to Him. We know and we believe that when we are with Jesus, we are fine, under God's protection and guidance. He is our best friend!

10 - (*Picture: Nativity scene*): And we bring our gifts to Jesus as well. Every time we bring our offerings to the church, this is like the wise men did, bringing their gifts to Jesus. We say THANK YOU for His love, for His protection and for His guidance.

- Go, now, and give a kiss to our mom and dad and say: I love you. Merry Christmas.

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