



Religious Education

Lesson 1 - 21/1/21

Families and Celebrations

Know that we all belong to a family. Think about how we can love and help each other.



Read The Story

Ida was very excited because it was her birthday. She was six years old and was going to have a party that afternoon.

She watched her mum preparing the food in the kitchen and she asked if she could help to set the table. Her mum said, "Yes, please". Her mum brought in a large birthday cake with six candles ready to be lit.

Mum looked at Ida and said, "You have really made the party table look lovely. Well done." Ida felt very happy.

Mum put some presents on a small table. Ida looked at them and saw that there was one from her granny. She was very excited because it was tied up with shiny ribbon. She said, "Mum, may I open the present from granny. She told me she was going to send me a new dress that she has made for me."

"No, let's wait until the party", said mum.

Ida looked and looked at granny's parcel with the shiny ribbon. Mum left the room. Ida walked over to the parcels and lifted up the one from granny. It looked too small to be the dress her granny had promised her. She tried to guess what was inside. She knew her granny would keep her promise to her, but this present did not feel like a dress.

Ida pulled a bit off the shiny ribbon and then she tried to have a peep. She couldn't quite see inside the parcel, so she pulled off another bit and it all came off and the parcel was open! Inside was a new... story book! Ida looked at the book. It was good but it was not a new dress! She felt very sad because she wanted a dress.

When mum saw what she had done she said, "Oh Ida, I did ask you NOT to open the parcel yet and you DID!" Ida felt very sorry. She knew she should have done as mummy asked. "I'm really sorry", she said. And mum gave her a big hug.

When granny arrived she had a big surprise - the new dress!



Discuss The Story

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Questions to ask about story

- How do people in the story show their love for one another? *(Try to draw out the following: mummy gives birthday party; Ida offers help; some give presents; Ida was sorry when mummy was upset.)*
- How do you think Ida felt at the end of the story?
- What did Ida's Mum say to make her feel better?




Activity

Work Book page 14: Draw a picture of your own family. Write what you like to do with your family.

3. FAMILIES AND CELEBRATIONS

Families



1. Draw your family and write their names.

What do you think the family is going to do now?

I think.....

because.....

What do you think they will do next?

2. We like to

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Lesson 2 - 22/1/21

The Presentation

Know that Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple, as a baby. Think about why this was a very special occasion.



Read The Story

Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple.

They wanted to thank God for their beautiful baby.

They met Simeon and Anna. They believed that Jesus was the king of the world.



Question on the picture in the Big Book

- Who do you see in the picture?
- Why are they there?
- Why do you think Simeon and Anna are looking so happy?

Text to read to children

A long time ago when Jesus was still a baby, Mary and Joseph took him to the Temple in Jerusalem. This is where people went to worship God.

"It is time to thank God for our baby", they said to one another.

On the day of their visit, an old man called Simeon was in the Temple. For many years Simeon had been praying that God would keep His promise and send a king to rule over His people.

When Mary and Joseph walked past Simeon, he felt his heart jump inside him. He got up, looked at the baby and straight away he knew this baby was God's special gift for everyone. He was very happy. Simeon asked Mary if he could hold the baby. He took Jesus in his arms and said: "Lord God, you have kept your promise. I can now die a happy man because I have seen Jesus, the light of the world".

Mary and Joseph were amazed at what Simeon said about Jesus and they were even more surprised when an old lady called Anna joined in with him. Anna was well known in the Temple; she was always there praying to God. Anna began to tell everyone that Jesus was the one they had all been waiting for, for a long time. He had come at last!



Discuss The Story

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Questions to ask on story:

- Why did Mary and Joseph go to the Temple with Jesus?
- What happened when they arrived?
- How do you think Simeon was feeling? Why?
- What did Simeon say?
- What do you think Mary was thinking? Why?
- What did Anna do after she had seen Jesus?



Activities

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1. Narrate the story again while a small group of children act it out. Have some children acting the part of other parents with their child there in the Temple before Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to Simeon.
2.
 - a) Place children in a circle and have a large candle in the centre.
 - b) Light the candle and ask the children to think of the times when they see candles lit. (*birthdays, Christmas, Easter candle, in Church*).
 - c) Explain that candles are usually lit for a special time, a celebration. Tell them that, in church for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the congregation hold lighted candles to remind them of the special time when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple.
 - d) Sing: 'The Light of Christ' or 'Jesus bids us shine' or similar song about 'light' and finish with the Sign of the Cross.
3. **Work Book** page 15 'Jesus is taken to the Temple'.
4. Children sit in a circle.
Children bring the different items below to place in the centre while the reflection is read by the teacher.
 - Silver cloth and silver moon shape (use silver and gold card for sun & moon shapes)
 - Gold cloth and gold sun shape
 - Candle (lit by an adult on a tray with some damp sand)

Reflection:

The moon gives a silver light at night.

The sun gives a golden light by day.

Jesus is the light of the world day and night.

He is always there, showing us the light of God's love and making the world a brighter place.



Activities (continued)

Jesus is taken to the Temple



What do you think is happening here?

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Why?

What did Simeon say?

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Why?

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