To parents:

This page lets you know what your child learned in Sunday school today. In addition, you will find this week's memory verse, a suggested activity, and a short prayer to reinforce the lesson. Being involved and interacting with your child can be very rewarding for both of you.

What we learned:

During the past few weeks we learned many new things from the birth of Jesus story. From the Virgin Mary, we learned how to live a life that is pleasing to God and others. From Joseph, we saw that by living a righteous life God will help us in times of difficulty and show us the way. The tiring journey to Bethlehem and the manger taught us how God will always keep His promises, and that we have hope and assurance in Jesus. As the angel told the shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born."

Today, we learned about the Magi who came to visit Jesus, and discovered how it is natural and expected to worship Jesus. Wise men and women throughout the ages have made Jesus their Lord and Savior. Let's remember to put Jesus first, and worship Him during this time of the year. (Scripture used: Matthew 2:1-12)

Memory Verse:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:14 NIV

Continue to practice this verse several times with your child during the week. Make it a special point, even a tradition, to recite this verse from memory on Christmas morning.

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:

Help your child make and send "Thank You" cards to the special people in your child's life, for giving gifts or simply for being with the family during Christmas time. Inside the cards, include something like, "I thank Jesus because you are my ________ (friend, uncle, sister, neighbor, etc.) You are a special gift to me."

Daily Prayer:

Dear God, I am so thankful for this time of the year, and for all the blessings You give. Let my gift to You be my whole self. I want to serve You and make You proud of me. I know I can do this, because I have Jesus in my life and He gives me hope and assurance. Thank You ever so much for Jesus, my Lord and Savior. Amen.