

Lesson - Advent and Christmas

Grade 3 – (12/12 and 12/15)

KEY CONCEPT

Describe Christmas as a season to give thanks and praise. Recognize that prayer is a way of praising God.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

Continue to Support Your Students

-Kids feel lots of emotions during the holiday season, as we all do, and we want to continue to meet them where they are at

-They might not show, or tell, you all the time that they appreciate you caring about them but underneath a rough exterior, they do. Continue to pour out your support for them in each moment that you can

“You may be the only ‘Jesus’ that someone may meet this week”

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

Our Father and Hail Mary

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

- Watch you tube video: The Christmas Story/Birth of Jesus Christ/animated Bible Story (12:20 min)
- Talk about the movie and then do the other activities below.
- Christmas matching sheet
- 3 activity sheets
- Holy, Holy, Holy squares game (use kids and play tic tac toe by answering Christmas questions)
- Have a nice Christmas book for you to read to your class
- Christmas activity for the children. (This can be done while you are reading the book or separately)
- Can have construction paper available for children to do Christmas cards for their parents.
- **Feel free to bring a treat for the children or do a different craft if you like.**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Advent

- **Review what we do in Advent. Read paragraphs on pg 15A in Catechist background.**
- **Talk about the Advent wreath. (pg 16) Ask: What colors are on the wreath? Why do we light the Advent wreath?**

Christmas

- **Read paragraphs on pg 24 and 25 about Christmas celebrations of mass.**
- **Remind the children that the season of Christmas lasts 8 days (see Catechist background on pg 23A) Starts on Dec 25 and ends on Jan 1.**

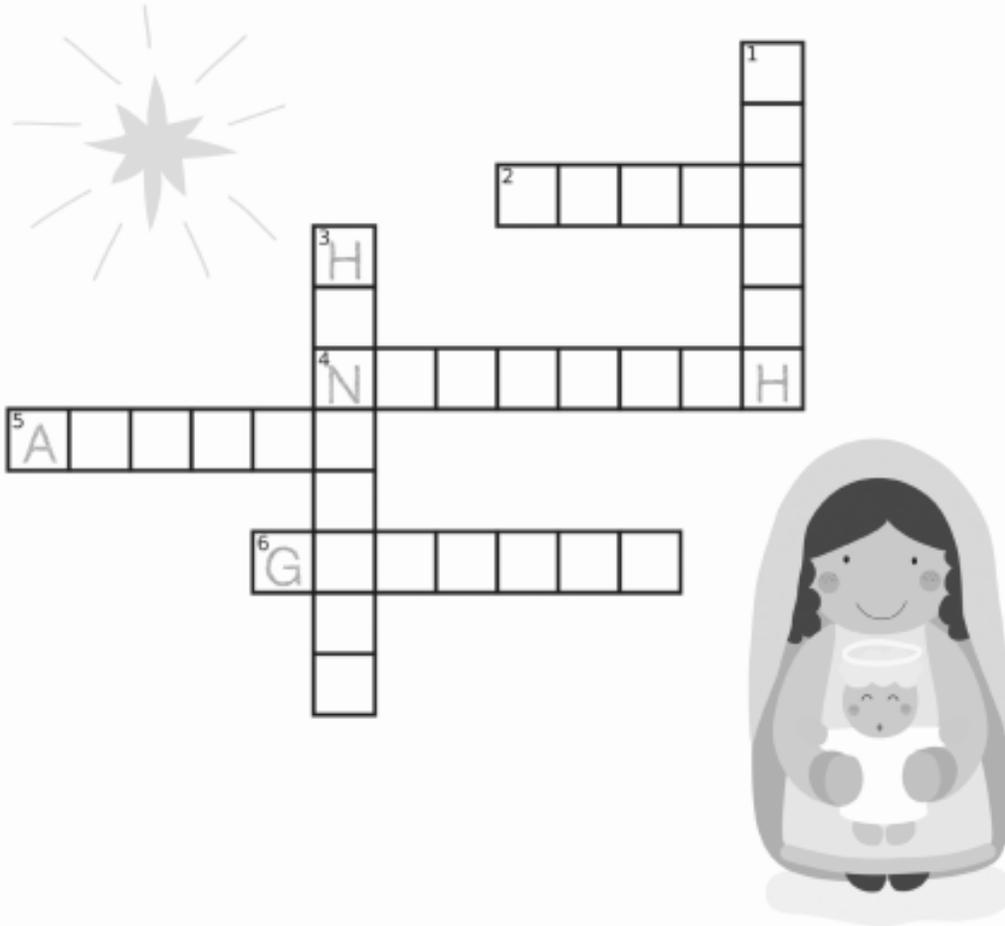
STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Closing Prayer

- **Memorare**

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ACROSS

- 2 The angel told Mary to name her son _____
- 4 What town did Mary live in? _____
- 5 The angel said, "Do not be _____."
- 6 What is the name of the angel that came to Mary?

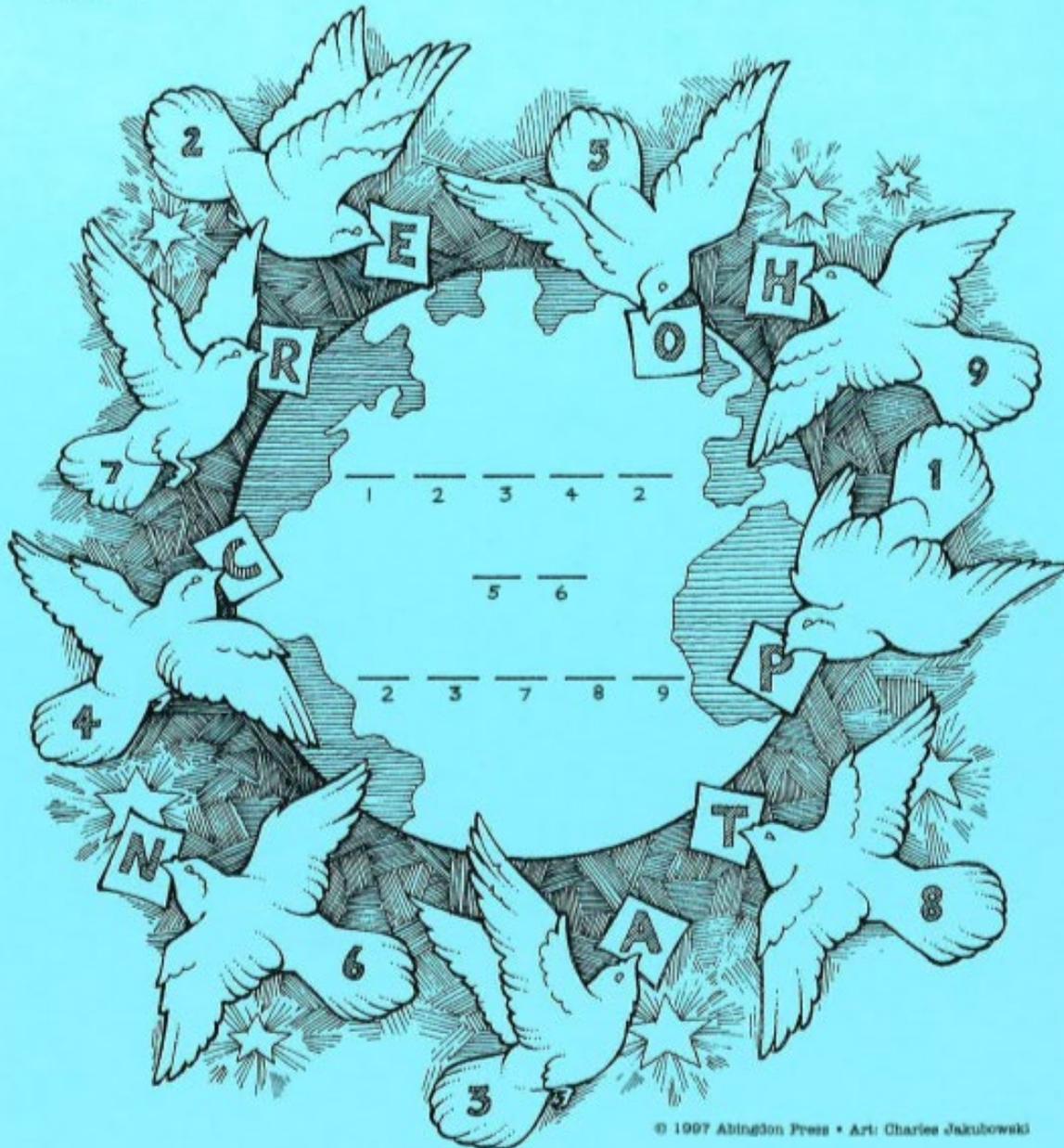
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- 1 Mary was betrothed to _____
- 3 Mary says, "Behold, I am the _____ of the Lord."



The Promise

Directions: Have the children write the letter that each dove is carrying on the space with the matching number.



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Pipecleaner Christmas Trees



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HOW TO MAKE PIPE CLEANER CHRISTMAS TREES TO DECORATE YOUR HOME



MATERIALS NEEDED TO MAKE PIPE CLEANER CHRISTMAS TREES

30cm [green pipe cleaners](#) (I used [cotton pipe cleaners](#) as they work better with pva glue but chenille could work just as well you just might find them a bit thick),
mini pom poms
a [glue gun](#) or [PVA \(white\) glue](#).



HOW TO MAKE YOUR PIPECLEANER CHRISTMAS TREES

The Pipe Cleaner Christmas Trees are pretty easy to make but they are a little fiddly because of their size. Younger kids may find these [pipe cleaner and perler bead](#) Christmas Tree decorations easier to make.

The first thing you need to do is curl your pipe cleaner into a snail shell shape.

Next, carefully pull up from the center of the snail shape to create your cone shape.

Wrap/tuck the outer end of the pipe cleaner around the next curl to secure a circle base (this allows the pipe cleaner to stand).

Finally, glue your pom poms to the pipe cleaner.



You can add a thread to hang them on your tree, set them around as stand-alone decorations, use them as placeholders let the kids whisk a few off to place in dolls and Playmobil houses.

HELP MARY TRAVEL TO SEE ELIZABETH

