

Cubbies Corner



**December
2019**

What does Christmas Mean to You? Many think of Santa Claus, the gathering of family, and gift giving when you mention Christmas. We are also probably familiar with the story of Christ's birth behind the meaning of Christmas. This Christmas we urge you to learn more about Jesus' birth, why he was sent to Earth, and what it means for us. Have discussions as a family about this significant occasion. Think about how you can honor Jesus. And reflect on what Christmas really means to you!

Join us this Christmas at PWC On **Sunday, Dec. 15** the PWC Kids Choir will be singing during our 10:30 am service. Come celebrate our Savior's birth **Tuesday, Dec. 24** from 7:00 – 8:00 pm with candlelighting, carols, and communion!

Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart In December PWC Kids will be collecting items to fill Christmas stockings that will be distributed to families in need this Christmas through the Marshall County Neighborhood Center. Items needed include stockings, small toys, hygiene products, art supplies, and candy/snacks. Please bring donations by Sunday, Dec. 15. We will begin stuffing stockings on Wednesday night Dec. 11 at Awana.



Date	Theme	Lesson	Memory Verse
Dec. 4	Silly Socks- show us your mismatched & crazy socks Awana Store Open!	Unit 2 Bear Hug 9 <i>Adam and Eve Must Leave the Garden</i>	<i>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life...</i> John 3:36
Dec. 11	Operation Christmas- bring donation items for stockings & Ugly Christmas Sweater contest	Unit 2 Bear Hug 10 <i>Unit 2 Review</i>	<i>...Your word is truth.</i> John 17:17
Dec. 18	Night Before Christmas- wear your PJ's and hear the real story of Christmas	Special Day 2 <i>Christmas</i>	<i>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.</i> Luke 2:11
Dec. 25 & Jan. 1	Christmas & New Year's - No Awana		
Jan. 8	Welcome Back Bash- bonus Awana buck for attending Popcorn bar at check in Club Food Wars	Unit 3 Bear Hug 11 <i>God Tells Noah to Build an Ark</i>	<i>...Great is Your faithfulness.</i> Lamentations 3:23



Be sure to check out our webpage www.pwcalive.com/awana or follow our PWC Facebook page for more information and to keep up to date!

ALTERNATIVE

Under the Apple Tree Activities (at home)

BEAR HUG 9

Option 1: Tell your child that we can trust in God at all times, even when we are afraid. Discuss some times that your preschooler might be afraid (for example, when they are left with a babysitter, when they go to the doctor.) Remind your child that just like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego trusted God in a scary time (they were thrown into a fiery furnace!), she can always trust God.

Option 2: Each time you review this week's Bible verse, emphasize the last phrase, "*Thou art MY God.*" Have your Cubbie point to himself each time he repeats the phrase. Then encourage your Cubbie to pray and say, "God, You are MY God, and I love You!"

Option 3: Give your child strips of yellow and orange construction paper and a sheet of black construction paper. Have him tear the yellow and orange paper, and then glue those pieces onto a sheet of black construction paper to make a "fiery furnace." Review with your child how God kept Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego safe in the furnace. Praise God for being the one true God.

Option 4: Memorize Psalm 56:3 together as a family. Remind your child that God is the one true God and that we can ALWAYS trust Him.

BEAR HUG 10

Option 1: Remind your child that you can worship God by loving and helping others. Make or purchase a special treat. Have your child choose a family friend or neighbor to whom they can give the treat, and help your child make a card for that person. Take your Cubbie with you to deliver the treat and card, and encourage your child to tell the friend or neighbor, "We love you!" On the way home, remind your child that they worshiped God by showing love to others.

Option 2: Discuss ways that a person can worship God. Examples include praying to Him, reading the Bible, singing a special song to Him. Help your child choose three ways to worship God this week and complete the actions together.

Option 3: Play Hide-and-Seek with your child. After several rounds, remind your child that God is the one true God. We can NEVER hide from Him because He knows all things and He sees all things. Thank God for being the one true God.

SPECIAL DAY 2

Option 1: Plan a nativity play date with several of your child's friends. Assign each guest a character in the nativity story and ask each of them to come dressed as that character. Using the Cubbies lesson and Luke 2:1-20 as a guide, narrate the Christmas story and have the children "perform" the story together.

Option 2: Visit a local home for the elderly or disabled with your child. If possible, take some small gifts or treats to share with the residents. Encourage your child to recite this week's memory verse with two or three residents and to remind them that God sent Jesus to be our Savior.

Option 3: Make an angel quesadilla for your child's lunch or snack by cutting a triangle, a small circle, and a small half-circle from a tortilla. Spread each piece of the tortilla with cream cheese or icing. Use the triangle for the body of the angel. Place the half-circle behind the top part of the angel's body to represent the wings, and use the circle to represent the angel's face. As your child eats the snack, discuss how the angel Gabriel came to tell Mary that she would be Jesus' mommy.