

Kindergarten: Lesson 8
Jesus and the Holy Family

Lesson Objective:

This lesson continues exploring the Bible by introducing children to the stories about the Holy Family and Jesus' birth. It is important for children to understand that the Jesus that they meet in these Scripture stories is the same Jesus they encountered in lessons 1 and 2. Catechists are encouraged to reflect on the role of the angels in the story of Jesus' birth as an introduction to teaching the Guardian Angel Prayer.

Learning Outcomes: Students Will ...

- listen to narratives from the Bible with reverence: Christmas stories (Matt 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20)
- identify the Holy Family as Jesus, Mary as His Mother, and Joseph as His earthly father
- recite traditional prayers in a group: Guardian Angel Prayer

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bible, crayons and pencils
- Copies Needed: Options for this lesson are: Nativity and Angel Art Project (more extensive and will need a large chunk of your class time), Annunciation Diorama, Guardian Angel Coloring, Guardian Angel Prayer Activity
- Just a thought: The Guardian Angel Prayer Activity lines up very well with the learning outcomes for this lesson, the Guardian Angel Coloring activity encourages children to draw the face of their Guardian Angel and think about what name do they think God gave them.

As Students Enter Class:

- Consider having one of these two coloring pages from thecatholickid.com.
- Have the following written on the board: The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and encourage students to write the names on either side of the paper.



Beginning of Class:

- Invite students to gather around your prayer space. Show them a picture of the Holy Family and tell them that Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph. (Consider taking them to the Statute of the Holy Family in our Narthex).
- Model a prayer of thanksgiving to Mary and Joseph for being Jesus' Earthly parents and for taking such good care of Him. Thank them for our parents, too.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 8 Video	<p data-bbox="618 233 1084 275">This video is 8:28 in length.</p> <p data-bbox="618 310 1393 541">Highlights: Carla review some important points from the last lesson. God is the creator of all things. He loves us so much that when Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the apple in the Garden of Eden, God gave us His Son, Jesus, to take away our sins.</p> <p data-bbox="618 583 1338 699">Read Luke 1:26-38 The Annunciation. Carla reads from the Bible and beautiful pictures accompany this.</p> <p data-bbox="618 741 1377 888">She also shows a map that has Nazareth on it and Bethlehem. She shows how far Mary and Joseph had to travel from Jerusalem to Bethlehem.</p> <p data-bbox="618 930 1365 972">Next read Luke chapter 2: The Birth of Jesus.</p> <p data-bbox="618 1014 1377 1087">Stop and discuss or have students share what they noticed about the birth.</p> <p data-bbox="618 1129 1370 1203">Luke 2 continues with The Shepherds and the Angels.</p> <p data-bbox="618 1245 1344 1360">Discuss: What did you hear? Why were the angels and shepherds happy? Why were the angels singing?</p> <p data-bbox="618 1402 1417 1476">All the angels and shepherds were there and the angels sang out with great joy for Jesus' birth.</p> <p data-bbox="618 1518 1386 1633">During Mass, we sign the Gloria, which are the same words as they angels sang when Jesus was born.</p> <p data-bbox="618 1675 1398 1780">God has a whole army of angels and he has given each of us a Guardian Angel to guide and protect us.</p> <p data-bbox="618 1791 1382 1896">Our Guardian Angel is an intercessor, which means we can pray to them and they will take our prayers to God.</p>

<p>The Nativity Song</p>	<p>This is a cute video that is 2:44 in length. It is sung by a child and has animated graphics.</p> <p>One idea is to have students retell the story of the Nativity after hearing this song. Consider using the 5 Finger Retelling Strategy.</p> <p>Five Finger Retell:</p>  <p>When retelling a story remember to talk about...</p>
<p>Guardian Angel Prayer</p>	<p>This video is .31 in length. It is animated with the words printed and is recited by a child. Consider having students watch though it once, then do it again, stopping the video after each line that appears. Have students repeat each line with you.</p>
<p>Nativity and Angel Art Project</p>	<p>This will need some preparation before class begins. This activity will need a large chunk of time. The link takes you to a website and you can download the activity.</p>
<p>Annunciation Diorama</p>	<p>This will work better if you copy it on cardstock. Just follow the directions at the top.</p>
<p>Guardian Angel Coloring</p>	<p>This link also takes you to the website where you can download the guardian angel pages, one with the face on or one without, and students draw in what they think their guardian angel looks like.</p>
<p>Guardian Angel Prayer Activity</p>	<p>This is a craft that contains the guardian angel prayer in the middle. Here is a picture of the completed angel. The link will take you to the website and then you down load it. You will need to do some prep before class.</p>

	 <p>Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen <><</p>
Closing Activities	<p>Consider tossing a bean bag, small ball, or other item to ask questions that review today's learning objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who is in the Holy Family?• Where was Jesus born?• What is a Guardian Angel?
Closing Prayer	<p>Gather students around your prayer space and pray the Angel of God prayer one more time.</p>