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Hello Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday School Families,

"Is Christmas Really Over?" is the title of this week's lesson, from John 1:1-18. In this lesson, we learn about the greatest gift ever given - our gift to become children of God. Our memory verse for this week is "Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." John 1:12-13.

<https://sermons4kids.com/> is the homepage and where you will find the sermon lesson to read to your children. For this lesson, you will need a gift-wrapped box with heart stickers inside. This week, the website shares an instructional video for a "white elephant" snack gift exchange, however, there are several crafts under the Group Activities page which you can do at home. One that looks fun, is the Cross Gift. To make this one a little more special for gifting, you can purchase inexpensive small wooden crosses to paint from Michaels or another store that sells craft items.

Beside the lesson are links to print a coloring page, word search, a crossword puzzle and more. Feel free to use any of these supplemental activities for your child's individual level.

This week's group activities can also be found in that list of resources besides the sermon reading. Feel free to use and modify any of these activities to suit your family. At the bottom of this email, there is a themed snack idea provided by Sermons4Kids. There you will also find the Discussion Questions and Suggested Prayer Starters from Sermons4Kids.

Sample prayer for this week:

Dear God, we thank You for loving us so much that You gave Your Son so we too can become Your children. In Jesus' name, Amen.

We pray for the peace and health of you all! We have enjoyed seeing many children in Sunday School and Nursery Care and look forward to seeing the rest of you soon!

God bless you,

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Elementary Discussion:

This week, kids learned in John 1:1-18 that even though the day of Christmas is over, the gifts from God never end. They learned that the lasting gift is that when we believe in Jesus, God gives us the gift of being His children. Children learned that in Jesus, we receive the right to become children of God. We are adopted! Bible Memory Verse: “Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.” John 1:12-13

Discussion Questions:

What did you learn about God’s best gift to us?

What does it mean to you to be adopted into God’s family?

What can you share with others about how to be in God’s family?

Who is someone you know who needs to hear about the gift of Jesus?

What do you like best about being in God’s family?

Prayers:

Thank God for His best gift to us.

Talk to God about how you feel about being in His family.

Ask God to give you the words to share with others.

Pray for that person.

Thank God for those things.

Light Snacks:

You will Need:

Orange Cutie Slices

Banana Slices

Paper Plates

Napkins

Do This:

Give each child a paper plate and a handful of orange Cutie slices and banana slices.

Tell kids to make suns out of their fruit by making the banana the center and the Cutie slices the rays.

Then enjoy.

SAY: The Bible says Jesus is the true light who gives light to the whole world. That's kind of like the sun, but Jesus' light is even more powerful. Jesus is amazing; He is truly a gift that stays with us forever.