

The Nativity of the Lord
December 25th, 2024

Faith @ Home

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First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Second Reading: Hebrew 1:1-6
Gospel: John 1:1-18

[Full readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the text [HERE](#).

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#).

The children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#).

2. TALK

In today's Gospel we learn that Jesus is the great gift from God to all of us. He came to be one of us, to share in our life, and to give us Life. During this season, we are given many different gifts to enjoy: family, friends, gatherings, faith communities, etc. We also receive many other gifts that are not material, such as love, friendship, skills, spiritual gifts, etc.



Think about these 2 questions

- How has Jesus been a gift in my life?
- Which of your spiritual gifts can you use to bring joy to another person?

Option: for small children, have them draw or even model with playdough/Legos their answer.

3. PRAY

There's a traditional Christmas Carol named "The Little Drummer Boy" that we listen to during the Holidays. Listen to the song by watching this video:

[The Little Drummer Boy - Gift of Love](#)

(YouTube, 4:33 min)

In that story, a poor boy who learns about the birth of Jesus wants to visit but feels he has nothing to give to the Baby. Like the Little Drummer Boy, what can you give of yourself to Jesus this Christmas?

Option: for small children, use this [template](#) to write on the gift they will give to Jesus. Then, color the page, cut the shape and then put it on your Nativity scene or your Christmas Tree. For teens and adults, cut paper into strips and have them write on them the gifts they would give to Jesus. Then, have them place those strips on their Nativity scene, representing the "hay" that Jesus laid on.

Once all have shared their gifts, close by praying together: "Jesus, the Son of God, was born for us. Come, let us adore him, and share his light with the world." Then pray the "Glory Be to the Father."

