

# Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade Sunday School

November 22<sup>nd</sup>



## The Holy Family

Today's story is about the Holy Family. We keep the Holy Family on our focal self, front and center, and we keep it out all year long. We have nativity sets around our church that are behind glass or on the altar and they are "hands off" to children and adults. Our Holy Family set is meant for the children to touch and handle. We hand children to play with these figures. We also are intentional about how our wooden figures look. We have found figures that are not too detailed or realistic, so that children can supply details through their own imaginations.

Jesus' birth changes everything! It changes the way we understand ourselves, each other, the Creator and the created world around us.

### GODLY PLAY AT HOME

- **Get out your nativity set** as a family and retell today's story in your own words. **Talk as a family.** Can you imagine leaving your nativity set out all year long?
- **Wonder** aloud as a family, using the wondering questions in our video and also in this newsletter.
- **Wonder** about each person and animal in the story. Think about the story from Mary's perspective, from Joseph's, from the shepherds' and even from the cow's perspective.
- **Create an art response** to today's story. How do you imagine the Holy Family to look?



### Wondering...

I wonder what part of the Holy Family you like best?

I wonder what part of the Holy Family is the most important part?

I wonder if you have ever seen any of the Holy Family in our church?

I wonder if there is any of the Holy Family we can leave out and still have all we need?

### Prayer

Dear heavenly Father, we treasure the Holy Family and share in the journey to Bethlehem so long ago. Help us to hear the Christmas story this Advent season in new ways. Amen.



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