

Sunday, December 17, 2017: 6th Week of Advent: The Genealogy of Jesus Christ (28th Sunday after Pentecost)

Welcome: Spend some time checking in with the students. **Attach flames to the appropriate candles on the Advent wreaths on the bulletin board in the foyer. The kids can take them home after today's class. Remind them to attach a flame on the white candle on Christmas.**

Opening Prayer: "Our Father" – see poster board

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24 – **Read Gospel in class**

Lesson: 6th Week of Advent: The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

- Even though Jesus is God the Son, the second person in the Holy Trinity, He is also a man.

- We can trace his family from Abraham all the way to Joseph and Mary
- Listen to all the names in Matthew 1; how many names did you count?
- Because Jesus became a man and became part of the human family, we can become part of God's family

Craft: Jesse Tree

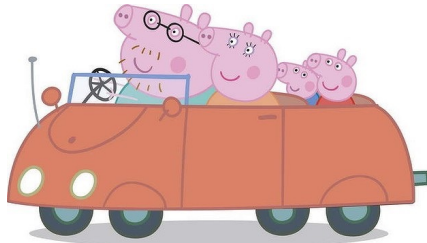
- Materials: Christmas tree outline, Jesse tree ornament worksheet
- How To: Colour/decorate the ornaments on the worksheet, as well as the Christmas tree outline. Cut out the ornaments and paste onto the Christmas tree outline.

***Because there are a lot of ornaments, the children can divide them among themselves rather than trying to fit all of them on their one tree.

End of Class: Hand out "Car Qs" to children, and "Cheat Sheet" to parents.

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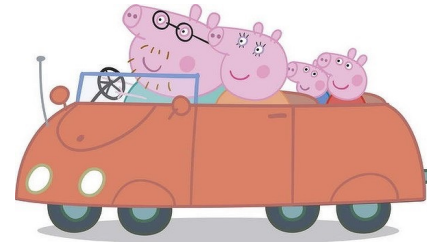
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Praying Together:

Dear God,
You sent your Son Jesus to become human so we might be part of your family. Help us meet Jesus this Christmas and get to know Him as we go through life. Amen

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Parents' Cheat Sheet - Car Qs
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1. Who is the first person in Jesus' human family tree?

1. Abraham
2. The Gospel of Matthew begins with the genealogy of Christ and starts with Abraham.
3. One could argue that the beginning of Jesus' family tree could actually begin with Adam, but God chose Abraham to be the "father of a multitude of nations,"¹ namely the nation of Israel and the Jewish faith.

2. What are 3 other names in Jesus' family tree that you remember?

1. After Abraham: Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Perez, Hezron, Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon, Salmon, Boaz, Obed, Jesse, David, Solomon, Rehoboam, Abijah, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joram, Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Amos, Josiah, Jechoniah, Shealtiel, Zerubbabel, Abiud, Eliakim, Azor, Zadok, Achim, Eliud, Eleazar, Matthan, Jacob, Joseph (Mary's husband)²

3. True or false: Because Jesus is part of the human family we can now be part of God's family.

1. True
2. There are several places in the New Testament where humans are called "children/sons of God."³ In the Gospel of John we learn this can only happen through Jesus Christ: "But to all who received him (Jesus), who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."⁴

Together say the prayer we said in church today:

Behold the time of salvation is at hand.
Prepare yourself, O cavern, for the Virgin
approaches to give birth to Her Son.
Be glad and rejoice, O Bethlehem, land of Judah,
for from you the Lord shines forth.
O holy ancestors of Christ,
help us to learn from God's servant, Mary,
whom we call Mother of God.
May we journey with her in hope to the source of light and faith,
and recognize in Jesus, our Saviour and Master.
Amen.

¹ Genesis 17:5

² Matthew 1:1-17

³ John 1:12; Romans 8:14; 2 Corinthians 6:18; Galatians 3:26; Galatians 4:7

⁴ John 1:12-13