**Sunday School from Home**

**December 13, 2020**

This week we continue our Advent study. Like Mary, Joseph is visited by an angel who tells him about the coming birth of Jesus.

* Read the story: Matthew 1:18-24
* Here is a [VIDEO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkEypzmHwCI) telling about the angel visits to both Mary and Joseph
* For a different kind of art project, try coloring on aluminum foil. Cover a piece of cardboard with foil and tape it to the back so it doesn’t shift. Let children color the foil with permanent markers (washable markers will wipe away – use Sharpies or similar). Try asking them to draw a picture of the angel vising Joseph.
* While working on the above art project, ask children to share their favorite colors, and if a certain color makes them feel joy. Ask them what they think might have been Jesus’ favorite color and why (there is no right or wrong answer here, but you will get some interesting thoughts from your kids!).
* For older kids and adults: look up why the advent wreath has three purple candles and one pink one. The pink candle is lit on this third week of Advent. What do the colors of all the candles represent? (purple, pink, and white) Hint: the third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. You might want to look up the parallels of the weeks of Advent to the weeks of Lent.
* Joseph must have felt confused after he was visited by the angel in his dreams. Play a silly game that is sure to confuse your family! Have one think of a silly dream and whisper it to another family member. Then that person whispers it to another family member, and so on until the last person has heard about the dream. That person then repeats out loud what was whispered to them. Be ready for some giggles because the message almost always is different from the original! Play again with another person beginning the game and continue as many rounds as you like.
* The name Emmanuel mean God is with us. This is true even when we are not able to be together as a church family or with our extended family. Make a Christmas card for someone you are missing this season and send it in the mail or deliver it with some homemade treats if possible. You can use the attached preprinted card or make your own.
* Jesus is called by many names. Ask your children to recall as many as they can (and you can add some too!). Some of the names are: Lord, Christ, Messiah, Rabbi, Teacher, Savior, Emmanuel. Once you have brainstormed a list of names, play a game with them! The game is similar to charades (so no talking), but one person tries to use their body to spell out one of the names, and the rest of the players try to guess the name. Take turns and play as many rounds as you like.
* Use as many of the attached pages as are useful for you.