



JESUS, THE GREATEST GIFT

DECEMBER 2024
KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC

Kids Assembly Topic for December 2024

Title:

JESUS, THE GREATEST GIFT!

Objectives:

At the end of the session, participants should be able to:

- Understand the importance of the virtue of contentment during the Advent season.
- Appreciate Jesus as the true reason for the season.
- Share the love and message of Jesus with others.

MOTIVATION

Motivation: Writing Activity – “MY TOP 3 GIFTS I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS”

1. Ask the kids to write down the top three gifts they would like to receive this Christmas on a piece of paper.
2. Encourage them to share why these gifts are special to them.
3. Explain that Jesus also wishes for a gift—the gift of *themselves*. He wants us to be with Him not just at Christmas but forever.
4. Inspire them to offer their hearts to God every day by living with love, kindness, and faith.

EXPANDED OUTLINE



I. HEAD

In this season of Advent, we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. This beautiful season fills us with joy and hope, and many of us are eagerly anticipating its arrival. Everywhere we look, we see people preparing—decorating their homes and public places, buying gifts, shopping, and planning the special meal for *noche buena*.

It's also a time when we look forward to spending time with relatives and enjoying a well-deserved break. But contentment is also closely connected to this special time we call Advent. Do you know what contentment means? It means being happy and thankful for what you have, even while waiting for something you hope for.



II. HEART

While there is so much to do and enjoy during this season, we must not lose sight of the true purpose of Christmas. We celebrate because Jesus Christ, our Savior, is the greatest gift of all. Even if some of the things we hope for or plan don't go as expected, we should remember that Christmas is always worth celebrating because of Him. What matters most is reflecting on how Jesus offers Himself to us as the ultimate gift of love.

We are all excited because Christmas is near! While we look forward to receiving good and beautiful gifts during this celebration, the most important gift we anticipate is the coming of the Child Jesus. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we are reminded that Jesus is the greatest gift of all. But what must we do as we wait and prepare to welcome Him into our hearts?

1. PREPARE FOR THE GIFT

As we wait for the Lord, we must prepare ourselves by strengthening our relationship with Him through prayer, attending Mass, and performing acts of kindness for others. In doing so, we make our hearts ready to receive Jesus, the greatest gift of all.

Let us also wait with joyful hearts! Advent is a time of waiting for Jesus to come. Have you ever waited for something exciting, like Christmas presents? Sometimes waiting can feel hard, right? But contentment means being happy and thankful for what we have while we wait. God has already blessed us with so many good things—our families, friends, and even the joy of being together during this special season!

Ask the Kids – “What’s one thing you’re thankful for today?”

2. BE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFT

Did you know that Jesus also showed us what contentment looks like? He was born in a simple manger, not in a palace, but in a stable surrounded by animals! He didn't have fancy things, yet He was full of love and joy. Jesus teaches us that true happiness doesn't come from toys or material things, but from God's love. When we're thankful for what we already have, we feel more joy!

In the Bible, St. Paul tells us that he learned to be happy no matter what because God gives him strength. This means we, too, can feel happy when we trust God and thank Him for everything, He gives us. Let us be grateful for the gift of Jesus in our lives. He came to earth to save us from our sins and to give us the love, joy, and peace that can only be found in Him.

Quick Activity: Let's all close our eyes for a moment and think of one thing that makes us feel loved—not something we can touch, but something that makes our hearts happy. (Examples: hugs from parents, playing with friends, or hearing someone say, "I love you.")

3. SHARE THE GIFT

Christmas is a time to celebrate the greatest gift of all—Jesus! But do you know what makes Christmas even more special? It's when we share Jesus with others! You might be wondering, "How can I do that?"

- *Be kind and loving - Helping your parents at home, playing nicely with your siblings, and saying kind words to your friends.*
- *Share what you have - Share what you have with others. Maybe it's a toy, a treat, or even your time.*
- *Tell others about Jesus and pray for them - You can share how much He loves them and how He came to save us. You can pray for your family, friends, and even people you don't know, like those who are sick or don't have enough to eat.*

We must share Jesus with everyone by helping those in need and sharing the blessings that God has granted to us. In doing so, we become a channel of God's love and grace to others. Remember, kids, sharing Jesus isn't just about saying His name—it's about showing His love through your actions. This Advent let's share Jesus' love with everyone we meet and make this Christmas the best one yet!



IV. HAND

A. Kids at Play and First Steps (3-7 years old)

Activity: Coloring Activity (see appendix A)

Material:

- Printed copy of the coloring page
- Coloring materials

B. Footsteps – Step Up (8-11 years old)

Activity: Drawing Activity

Material:

- Bond Paper
- Pencil

- Coloring Materials
- Art Paper (optional)

Instructions:

1. Ask the kids to draw a picture of themselves holding a gift box. Encourage them to make the drawing colorful and creative.
2. In the gift box, have them write the words “Jesus, the greatest gift.”
3. Allow the kids to color and design their drawings. They can add decorations, patterns, or anything that makes the picture more personal and beautiful.
4. (Optional) If you have art paper, they can transfer their drawing onto the art paper for a more durable piece to keep.

C. Footsteps – Step Up (8-11 years old)

Activity: Household

Questions:

- What are the recent gifts you have received from God? How did you feel?
- How can you share Jesus in the simplest ways with the people around you?

TAKE AWAY

As we end the year, we thank God for His goodness and the outpouring of blessings He has shared with us. But more than that, we thank Him for giving Himself to us as a gift. Let’s remember that we are truly blessed because we have received the greatest gift: Jesus.

RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE

1. I will imitate Jesus.

- I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
- I will make Jesus as my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.

2. I will be a good family member.

- I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
- I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.

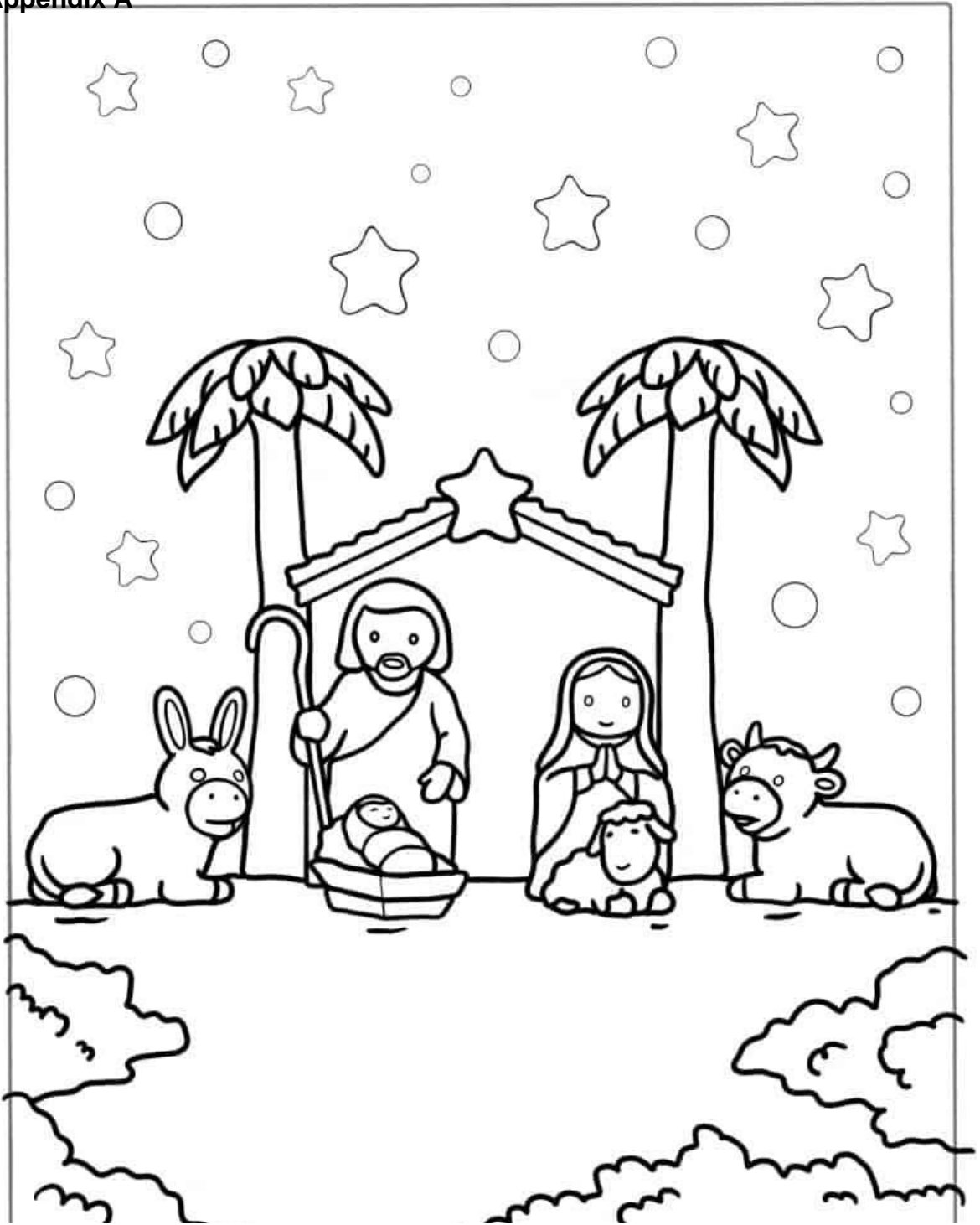
3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids

- I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
- I will share my time, talents, and treasures to others especially to my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
- I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.

4. I will tell others about Jesus.

- I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds every day that will reflect God's love.
- I will serve in our Parish Church.
- I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them

Appendix A



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for allowing your children to attend our Kids Assembly this month and for sharing our belief that they are never too young to know Christ. We honor your love and dedication in bringing your child(ren) closer to the Lord. This month, we discussed the connection between the virtue of contentment and the Advent season. Our goal was for them to appreciate this virtue in their lives and to share Jesus with their fellow kids during this Advent season. You can do the following together to help them better understand it:

1. Gratitude Jar - Each day during Advent, parents and children can write down something they are thankful for on a small piece of paper and place it in the jar. At the end of the month, the family can read through the gratitude notes together, reflecting on all the blessings they have. After reading the notes, discuss how being thankful helps us feel content with what we have, just like Jesus, who was content in a simple manger.

2. Blessings Bag - Parents and children can go through their toys, clothes, or belongings and choose things they no longer need or use. Together, they can pack a "blessings bag" to donate to those in need, such as less fortunate families or children. As they prepare the donation, talk about how sharing with others helps us feel grateful and content with what we already have.

3. Advent Waiting Calendar - A homemade Advent calendar with small envelopes or pockets! In each pocket or envelope, put a small note with an activity or reflection related to contentment, like "Write down three things you're thankful for" or "Give someone a compliment." Each day, the child will open a pocket and do the activity with their parents, focusing on how contentment and gratitude make the Advent season special. Discuss how waiting for Christmas can teach us patience and help us appreciate the simple joys we already have.

After doing the activities, we encourage you to post these on your social media accounts so that you can inspire other parents and families to journey with their kids. Use these hashtags - #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter

Thank you very much and we hope to be with your kid/s next month!

MFC Kids Team