

GRADE K
CHAPTER Seven
God Sends His Son

Objectives

- To understand why God sent his son, Jesus, to earth
- To learn the names and roles of Mary and Joseph
- To realize that Jesus is God's son and our brother

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Discuss
 - o Have you ever helped someone? Why? Have you ever wanted to help someone else but didn't know how?
 - o Did you ever help your parents to help someone else? What was it like to do something that made your parents proud? Would you like to do it again?
 - o Has anyone ever helped you when you needed help? How did you feel? What did you think about that person?

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word

- Talk about your understanding of Christmas. Whose birth do we celebrate at Christmas? When you think about the Christmas story, who are the three most important characters?
- Read Luke 2: 1-7 on p. 71 and then do the activity on p. 72.
- Who helped Mary and Joseph? Who took care of Jesus?
- If we are all children of God, and Jesus is God's son, is Jesus our older brother? What can we learn from our brother, Jesus, about helping others?

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Make the Sign of the Cross
- Sing your favorite Christmas hymn about the birth of Jesus.
- Make the Sign of the Cross

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked "Activity."
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.