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FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Read This: Luke 2:11

Materials: Bible, world map or globe, and a recording of “Silent Night” in a foreign language (many options on You Tube)

Object Lesson

The angels message about Jesus’ birth was such good news that people all over the world celebrate Jesus’ birthday. Let’s look at some of the places where people believe in Jesus and sing songs about his birth.

Show the children the map or globe and point out Tulsa, OK. Read Luke 2:11. Tell the children that another name for the town of David is Bethlehem. Locate Bethlehem on the map/globe. In the Old Testament part of the Bible, prophets told about God’s promise to send His Son to be born in Bethlehem.

Ask the children: “What are the names of some of your favorite Christmas carols?” If “Silent Night” is not mentioned, tell the children that it is one of the most famous Christmas carols. Continue by telling them that this carol was first written in Germany. (point to Germany on the map/globe) A pastor of a church wrote a poem about Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem. he gave the poem as a Christmas gift to his friend Franz Gruber. Later that same night, Mr. Gruber wrote a melody to go with the words. Everyone who heard the carol liked the words so much that the carol spread all over the world!

(Optional: Sing “Silent Night” with the children. Then, play the version of “Silent Night” in a foreign language)

When we sing carols like “Silent Night”, we can think about the thousands and thousands of people all over the world who sing this song in their own languages. Let’s thank God for sending His Son to be born. (Lead the children in prayer)

Talk About It

▪ What are some of the ways that people in our country celebrate Jesus’ birth?

▪ What are the ways that people in other countries remember Jesus’ birth?

(People in Mexico act out the story of Joseph and Mary looking for a place to stay. Christians in Israel plant seeds in front of nativity scenes - the growing seeds remind the people of new life.)

▪ What is your favorite song to sing about Jesus’ birth?

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I believe in _____ the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was _____, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the _____ hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to _____ the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy catholic church, the _____ of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

You can find the answers on page 14 of the hymnal.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
_____ be thy name.
Thy _____ come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this _____ our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we _____ our debtors,
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