



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!

SUPPLY LIST

- Supplies for Baking a Cake
- Box
- Decorating Supplies for the Box
- The Sparkle Box Book
- Pencils
- Index Cards

Activity	Directions
The Sparkle Box	Read the book and discuss it: • What was Sam's mom doing for others? • Why was she caring for others in this way? • Talk about the needs of the homeless. • How do you think Sam was feeling about the Sparkle Box? • What did Sam give the man from the park bench? • Do you think that was hard or easy for him to do? • What is the Sparkle Box?
Your Sparkle Box	Explain to the children that you are going to do a family project by making your very own sparkle box. Customize a sparkle box for your family and put it in an easily accessible area of your home.
Birthday Party	As Christmas approaches, schedule a date for a birthday party for Jesus. Bake a pretty cake and decorate it with candles. Sing happy birthday to Jesus and then open and read all the cards in the Sparkle Box. Enjoy the cake together.





ST. NICHOLAS

SUPPLY LIST

- Pancakes
- Cherry or Strawberry Pie Filling
- Whip Cream
- The Legend of St. Nicholas Book
- Paper and Pencils

Activity	Directions
The Legend of St. Nicholas	Read the book and discuss it: • How was Nick feeling about buying Christmas gifts for others? • After St. Nicholas's parents died, what did he do? • How did he deliver his gifts? • St. Nicholas found people in his community who needed help. How could you do that?
The History of St. Nicholas	Research online the following questions: • What country is St. Nicholas from? • When did St. Nicholas live? • Discuss his character attributes. • Explore the traditions and customs of the country of Turkey.
Christmas List	We always think of what we are going to get for Christmas and it's easy to compile that list. I want you to write a list of things you can give to others. It doesn't have to cost money, because being kind and investing your time into someone's life is free.
Santa Pancakes	Make pancakes and decorate them to look like Santa Claus with canned red fruit and whipped cream.





CANDY CANES

SUPPLY LIST

- Hot Chocolate
- A Variety of Different Flavored Candy Canes
- Blindfolds
- Long Piece of Ribbon or String
- How to Draw a Candy Cane Video
- The Legend of the Candy Cane Book
- Art Supplies:
 - Paper, Markers, Pencils, Beads, and Wire

Activity	Directions
Hot Chocolate and Candy Canes	Make Hot Chocolate. Give them candy canes to stir their drink with.
The Legend of the Candy Cane	Read the book while the children are enjoying their hot chocolate and candy canes. • How do you think the townspeople were feeling when they were wondering what was coming to their town? • How do you think Lucy felt when she got to unpack the candy? • How would you have felt? • Define the word <i>confections</i>. • Tell me the Legend of the Candy Cane in your own words.
History of the Candy Cane	Research online the following questions: • What country did the Candy Cane originate in? • When did the candy cane come to your country? • How many different flavors are there of candy canes. • How are Candy Canes Made?





Activity	Directions
Candy Cane Game	• Blind Taste Test: Purchase a variety of flavors of candy canes. Blindfold the child, let them taste, and try to guess the flavor. • Candy Cane Hang Out: Tie a piece of ribbon or string across two chairs and hang the candy canes on the string. Give each child a wrapped candy cane and have put it in their mouth curved end out. Explain that they must pick up as many candy canes as they can using only the candy cane and no hands.
Candy Cane Craft	• Watch a YouTube video and learn to draw a candy cane. • Make a beaded candy cane by alternating red and white beads on wire, and then shaping it as a "J." • Bake cupcakes, decorate them and shape them into a candy cane.





CHRISTMAS COOKIES

SUPPLY LIST

- Your Family's Favorite Breakfast
- A Recipe for Christmas Cookies
- Miscellaneous toppings like:
 - Frosting and Sprinkles
- Cookie Cutters
- The Legend of the Christmas Cookie Book

Activity	Directions
Family Breakfast	Make a special family breakfast.
The Legend of the Christmas Cookie	Read the book and discuss the following questions: • Who was Jack missing this Christmas? • How do you think the old man felt when Jack's family shared their breakfast? • How did Jack turn this opportunity into a moment where he could share the story of Jesus? • How can you share the love of Jesus with someone in your life?
History of the Christmas Cookie	Research online the following questions: • What country did the Christmas cookie originate? • When did Christmas cookies come to your country?
World History	Explore holiday customs and traditions of the country, Switzerland.
Christmas Cookies	It's the time we've all been waiting for! Baking Christmas cookies, using our favorite cookie cutters and decorating them with frosting and sprinkles. Consider making some cookies to share with someone else.





CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMING PARTY

SUPPLY LIST

- Cinnamon Rolls, 16
- Frosting
- Miscellaneous toppings like:
 - Sprinkles and chocolate chips
- Hot Chocolate
- The Legend of the Christmas Tree Book
- Martin Luther Video
- Your Christmas Decorations

Activity	Directions
Cinnamon Roll Christmas Tree	Make a Christmas tree out of refrigerated Cinnamon rolls by placing one roll at the top of a cookie sheet. Add two more rolls to the next line, centering them on the top roll. Repeat and increase the rolls by one on each row until you have one left. Center the last rolls at the trunk of the tree. Bake according to the package instructions and frost them. They can decorate their trees with toppings of their choice like sprinkles or chocolate chips.
The Legend of the Christmas Tree	Read the book while the children are eating their cinnamon rolls and drinking hot chocolate. Discuss the following questions: • What did Dad wish the focus of Christmas would be? • How does the Christmas tree tell us about God? Explain. • Tell me about the Feast of Adam and Eve. • Who was Martin Luther? • What was in the box given to them by the farmer?
History of the Christmas Tree	Research online the following questions: • What country did the Christmas tree originate? • What types of trees are used in various countries as Christmas Trees?





Activity	Directions
Martin Luther	Watch a video about Martin Luther. Amazon Prime Video offers the Torchlighter's series with an episode featuring Martin Luther.
World History	Find Germany on the map and look at the surrounding countries. Explore holiday customs and traditions of the country Germany.
Christmas Decorating	Decorate your house for Christmas. Talk about what you have learned during your study.

