



## Transitional Kindergarten

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## Weekly Newsletter

November 30 - December 4, 2020



**Unit of Study:** Christmas Stars, Wreaths & Poinsettias

**Bible Story:** The students will practice for the Christmas Program in the church.

**Bible Verse:** Review

**Phonics:** This week's letter: Jar J j The jingle is: J says "j", as in jar. J says, "j, j, j".

This week's blends are: ja, je, ji, jo, ju (remember to use the short vowel sound).

**Academics to Practice this Week:** Number: 8, 18 Shape: Circle, Square Color: Brown

**Share Time:** Students may bring anything associated with Christmas.

**Christmas Program:** The Christmas Program will be on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, during school hours. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, parents will not be able to be present in the audience. However, we plan on video recording the program so families can watch it. Last week, your child was sent home with a letter to let you know what part he/she will be playing, along with a list of the Christmas Program songs. *If your child has a speaking part, we ask that you practice with him/her each night. Please practice speaking slowly and clearly. Thank you!*

**Christmas Party & Gift Exchange:** The T/TH and 5 day students will exchange gifts and have a Christmas party on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a gift exchange only, for the M/W/F students on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a family game that can be enjoyed by either a boy or a girl. Look for a letter coming home with game suggestions. Maximum \$10.00 limit. Please write on it, "From: (your child's name)". 5 day students need to bring a gift only on Thursday.

**Holidays:** We will be closed Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, in celebration of Christ's birth and the New Year.

### **Home Enrichment Activities:**

- Go outside with your child at night and gaze up at the stars. Have your child point out the brightest star that they see. Make believe it is the Star of Bethlehem. Pretend to be the wise men following the star to Jesus.
- If you don't have a Christmas wreath, make one with your child out of a paper plate, green paint or tissue paper. You can also make a natural wreath by collecting and gluing items such as twigs, cinnamon sticks, pine branches, etc.
- Talk with your child about the poinsettia plant. Go for a walk in the neighborhood to find them on porches, sidewalks, decks, or balconies as decorations for Christmas. In Mexico and Guatemala, the poinsettia is known as "La Flor de la Nochebuena" (Flower of the Holy Night or Christmas Eve).

