SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY

Please refer to Guidelines for Children's Addresses in Worship document produced by the LCA Department of Liturgics and Grow Ministries - download guidelines here.

CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

MAIN POINT

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

AIDS

Gift box with crosses to give to the children or at least one cross to show the children.

ADDRESS

Christmas is a time where we give gifts to people we love. It is very special to receive gifts at Christmas. It is even more special to give gifts to others at Christmas.

Do you know why we like to give and receive gifts at Christmas? To remind us of the gift of Jesus.

What do you think is the greatest gift the world has ever received?

I have something in this box that reminds us what the greatest gift is. Hold gift box and reveal crosses.

Who do you think of when you see a cross? *Jesus.*

The greatest gift we can give or receive is Jesus.

Christmas is when we celebrate God giving us the gift of Jesus. Jesus was born to be our Saviour! God loved the world so much he gave us his son Jesus to save us. This good news is the greatest gift we can ever receive. It fills us and our world with joy!

PRAYER

Father in Heaven, we give you thanks for all our gifts and our friends and family to share them with, but mostly for the greatest gift of all, your Son Jesus. Fill our home with his love and our hearts with his peace. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home, Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

