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 <u>here</u>.

MAIN POINT

Jesus is a gift worth sharing

CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. Luke 2:17-18

AIDS

- Big box of individually wrapped chocolates or lollies (make sure there is enough for everyone) wrapped like a gift
- Bible (bookmarked with today's text).

ADDRESS

Arrange for someone to present you with the wrapped gift to thank you for doing the children's talk today.

I've got this gift, I wonder what I should do with it? Let's see what the Bible says. Read Luke 2:17-18. Talk about the verses...

What did the shepherds see? How did they respond?

Encourage them to share answers....they saw the baby Jesus, they knew who he was, they shared who he was.

The shepherds heard about the gift of Jesus and the first thing they did was spread the word. Just like the shepherds, I would like to share my gift with you as a reminder to share the gift of Jesus with others.

Share the treats.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for coming into the world as a tiny baby to be our Saviour. Help us to be excited like the shepherds and to share the Good News of Christmas with everyone. Amen.

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

