Light The World

Home Evening Lesson

THE CHRIST CHILD

Introduction

The Christ Child *is an 18-minute dramatic short film depicting the events of the Nativity. As you watch it with friends and family, consider using this outline for a home evening lesson. You can follow this outline closely, or you can use elements of it to craft a lesson that fits your needs.*

Activities and Discussion

Opening hymn and video

- See hymns 201–14 in the hymnbook for a selection of Christmas hymns.
- Watch *The Christ Child*. Go to LightTheWorld.org to stream or download the video.

Potential activities

- Before watching the video, assign everyone a specific character to watch (examples include Mary, Joseph, the Wise Men, and the shepherds). After watching the video, discuss how each character may have felt in the situations portrayed.
- *The Christ Child* depicts events detailed in both Luke and Matthew. Read and discuss the Christmas story among yourselves (see Luke 2:1–18; Matthew 1:18–25; 2:1–11). What aspects of the Nativity story did this video help bring to light? Discuss the meaning of Christmas and the importance of Jesus Christ in our lives.
- What does Jesus's birth mean to you? Hand out pieces of paper and invite everyone to write a few thoughts (or draw a picture) about the meaning of Christmas. Hang the papers up somewhere in your house as a reminder of the true reason for celebrating Christmas.

Things to discuss

- How do you think Mary felt through these experiences? Read Luke 1:26–38 and discuss how Mary might have felt when she learned she would be the mother of the promised Messiah.
- Some of the first people to learn of Jesus's birth were the shepherds tending their flock in a field outside Bethlehem. Read Luke 2:8–20 and discuss the experience of the shepherds. What was their response when they learned of the Savior's birth? (see Luke 2:15–16). What did they do after they saw the infant Jesus? (see Luke 2:17). Why do you think they did this?
- What feelings did you have as you watched the Wise Man's reaction to the Christ child? What do you think he thought and felt after journeying for so long to worship the Messiah?

Invitations

Make this Christmas meaningful

- Jesus knows all of us. During His ministry, He served people one by one, aware of their individual needs. Use the service calendar from LightTheWorld.org to plan how you and your family will serve one by one during the month of December. You can also sign up to have daily service reminders sent to your mobile device.
- Invite friends and family of other faiths to attend a worship service with you during the Christmas season.
- Share your experiences online using #LightTheWorld.
- Consider sharing with friends some of the invitation videos on LightTheWorld.org.
- Watch "The Christ Child: Behind the Scenes" at LightTheWorld.org for additional insights and ideas for discussion.

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