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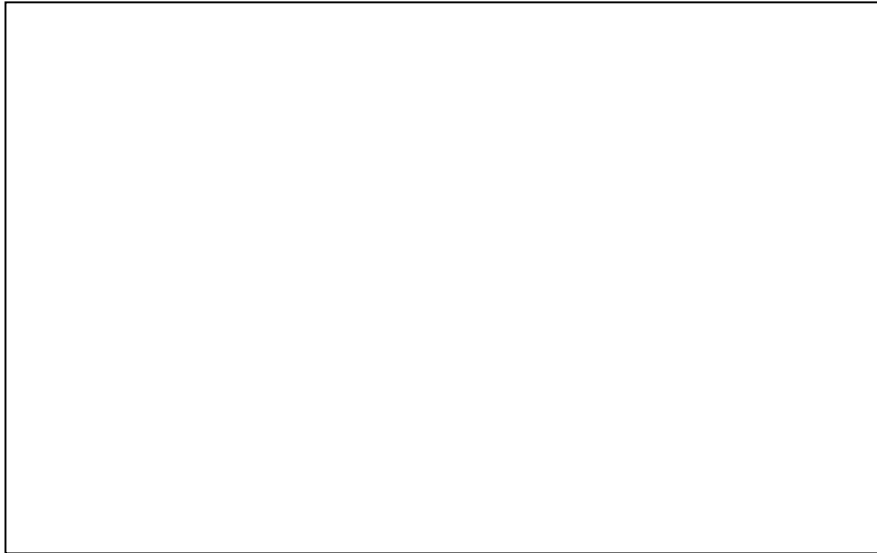
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Draw a picture of Jesus



LESSONS FOR LAMBS

**CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS
(JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY)**

The color for the Circumcision and Name of Jesus is white.



What to listen for during the service?

We hear in Matthew 1:21 the angel told Joseph, "you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Jesus is an important name by which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Listen for the name of Jesus during the service. How many times do you hear it? I hope you hear it a lot!

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Old Testament Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

22 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

24 The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

27 "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:21

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Do you recognize the words of verses 24-26 in the Old Testament reading? When do we hear those words?
- 2) What does verse 27 say these words do? Whose name do we receive?
- 3) What words were spoken over us in baptism to give us God's name?
- 4) When was Jesus circumcised? Why did they name Him Jesus? What would Jesus do when He grew up?

People of the Bible: Jesus

Today we celebrate New Year's Day, but more importantly we celebrate the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. We hear in the Gospel reading that when Jesus was eight days old His parents brought Him to the temple to be circumcised, as was the custom of the Jewish faith. Luke goes on to tell us about the Presentation of our Lord in the temple, which we will celebrate on February 2. Luke and the other Gospels tell us many things about Jesus' life and His ministry. Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of His official ministry. He was the promised Messiah from the Old Testament, and was God become Man to be the Savior for all who believe. His baptism

laid on Jesus the sins of all people, which was the reason He came to us. After His baptism, Jesus then taught the people and performed miracles for approximately three years, in order to lead them to follow Him and believe. He would then be crucified to pay for the sins of all people and give eternal life to those who believe in Him. His birth, ministry, death and resurrection (when He rose from the dead) are written about in the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). Because of all these things Jesus did, your baptism now unites you with Christ. You became a child of God when His name was put on you in your baptism. He has come to save you. Throughout your entire life you can remember your baptism and believe, knowing that you are safe in Jesus.

HYMN – "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"

- 1 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.
- 2 Jesus! Name decreed of old,
To the maiden mother told,
Kneeling in her lowly cell,
By the angel Gabriel.
- 3 Jesus! Name of priceless worth
To the fallen of the earth
For the promise that it gave,
"Jesus shall His people save."
- 4 Jesus! Name of mercy mild,
Given to the holy Child
When the cup of human woe
First He tasted here below.
- 5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby those to sin enslaved
Burst their fetters and are saved.
- 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.