

Jesus Had a Family

Activity: The child paints a family portrait of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.

Concept

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What You Need

- ▶ photo of child's family
- ▶ **Learning Tool: Biblical Stick Puppets**—Mary, Joseph, Jesus
- ▶ photocopy of Side B of this Lesson
- ▶ Card with portrait cut out and glued to construction paper
- ▶ art supplies, including watercolor paint and brushes
- ▶ pictures of families similar to that of the child taking part in different activities

At Home

Invite parents to punch a hole at the top of the portrait of the Holy Family, add a ribbon, and hang the portrait in a special place in their home.

Example



Lesson Steps

1

Opening Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: *Dear God, thank you for our families. Thank you for our parents who love and care for us. They teach us about Jesus. Help us know and love our families more each day.* Pray the Sign of the Cross.

2

Begin with Life Experience

Show the child the Biblical Stick Puppets and “introduce” each puppet: For example, say: *This is Mary, Jesus’ mother.* Ask the child to indicate which person is his or her mother in the family photo.

3

Connect

Help the child paint the portrait of the Holy Family on the photocopy of Side B of this card. As you work, talk about Mary, Joseph, and Jesus and the things they may have enjoyed doing as a family, such as taking a walk, sharing a meal, or learning about God the Father. You may want to use pictures of family activities to help the conversation.

4

Closing Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: *Thank you, God, for Jesus and his family. Thank you for our families.* Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.

