



By Dee Jalas, Preschool Director

Happy New Year from the Rainbows and Little Lambs classes at Peace Lutheran Preschool!

Apple pie playdough, a Christmas tree to decorate, gifts to make and wrap, cards to send, and treats to enjoy. These are all wonderful signs of the season that we celebrated in December in preschool. But hopefully those were not the main memories that the children will retain. The story of the birth of baby Jesus, who would eventually die for our sins, is the memory that I hope will be remembered by all the students.

We acted out His birth, with angels from heaven seen by Jesus's mother and father, and the lowly shepherds in the fields. We learned of the reason for Mary and Joseph to travel, why they were traveling slowly and arrived after the inns were full, and what a stable and manger are. We learned that it may have been a simple cave where the animals were kept and that it was much like the barns that we use today. We give gifts to those we love as the wise men gave gifts to the new king. Our Savior is born, and what a blessing that is to us all!

Family Night

We celebrated our Savior's birth during family night where we made a manger from a bag and wrapped baby Jesus to lay Him in the manger. We also had a fun game of taking sheep to the shepherds (cotton balls on spoons), making Christmas chains from papers, decorating sugar cookies and playing with Oobleck, which is cornstarch and water. We added peppermints to our Oobleck, and some sparkly foil confetti to add fun. It smelled great and was fun to play with. It also cleans up nicely! Throughout the month we felt the different consistencies of Oobleck, from milky to dry, and watched the peppermints melt and dissolve in the mixture. A colander made a great container to experiment with.

Pre-enrollment!

Peace Lutheran preschool students will receive priority enrollment for next school year. Enrollment forms are being mailed out to those with eligible children. Please encourage parents in the church to use our preschool. Open enrollment will begin soon, so encourage those who are interested to contact Dee Jalas or the church office as soon as possible.

Transportation should not be a deterrent from attending – we will work together to find a way to make transportation happen!