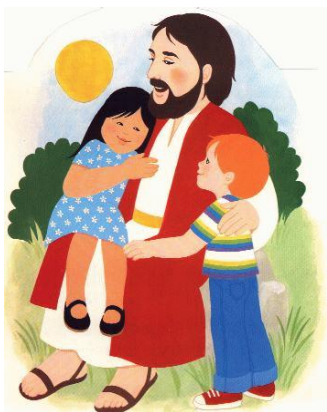


# Little Blessings Day Care

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**Little Blessings** – *“Proclaiming the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ to children and their parents through a high quality child care program.”*

Happy holidays! Thanks to everyone who participated in the daycare’s Thanksgiving dinner! We were able to serve one hundred and twenty people this year. The teachers and staff really enjoyed being able to sit and visit with the children and their families. This past month we added a couple of new additions to our staff. The daycare has hired Barb and Joneil to work in the kitchen. We look forward to working with them over the months to come.

December looks to be a busy month this year. We will be hosting our Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please join us to see the children from the Toddler, 2-3, and Pre-K classrooms as they perform a variety of Christmas songs. Cookies and punch will be served after the program is over. The Pre-K class will have the opportunity to see two shows this month as well. On December 1<sup>st</sup> they are off to St. Ambrose to see “Dakota Jones and the Search for Atlantis”. Later, on December 13<sup>th</sup>, we will take them to see “Junie B in Jingle Bells Batman Smells” at Circa 21. On December 20<sup>th</sup> we invite the children to come dressed in their pajamas and slippers for a “Polar Express Day” at the center. The day will be spent doing various activities related to the Polar Express movie.

Throughout the month of December, the children will be learning about five new bible stories. The first week of December is dedicated to the story of the Ark of the Covenant. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments the people placed the tablets in a special box called the ark of the covenant. Children will be encouraged to look for boxes in their environment and community. The second week focuses on how God helped Joshua and the people of Israel defeat Jericho by bringing the walls down. The children will discuss how walls are built, why we build them, and what we use them for. The third week comes from a verse in Ecclesiastes that tells us there is a time for everything and that everything on earth has its special season. This week the children will learn the concept of a year and the seasons within each year as well as the concept of time. Our fourth week features the story of Jesus’ birth, just in time for Christmas. Teachers will discuss with children the reason why we celebrate Christmas and the traditions we use to associate it with the birth of Christ. In the final week of December the children will learn about John the Baptist. Because John the Baptist lived in the desert, this will be our theme for the week. The children will begin to learn that a desert is a very hot and dry area usually covered with sand in which specially adapted animals and plants live.

Our other themes for the month of December include the letters “G” through “K”, numbers 7-9, the colors brown, white and black, and triangles, stars, and cubes. They will also learn new nursery rhymes, including “Here’s the Church”, “Humpty Dumpty”, “To Market, To Market”, “Jesus Loves Me”, and “Diddle Diddle Dumpling”.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that the center will be closed a couple of days for the holidays. These days include December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We wish you all a safe and very Merry Christmas!

Have a great month!

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