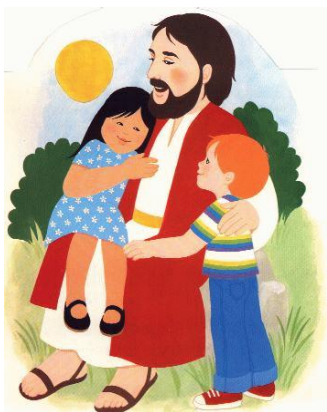


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Little Blessings – “Proclaiming the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ to children and their parents through a high quality child care program.”

Welcome to a new year at Little Blessings Daycare! We look forward to spending 2012 learning and growing with teachers, family, and friends. We kept busy in December with our Christmas program, field trips to see shows, Polar Express day, and all of our holiday celebrations. The center would like to thank all of the families and friends who were kind enough to donate your time and supplies to us this year. We appreciate everything you do!

With the New Year comes a need for a new license. The center will be going through the process of new licensing over the next couple of months. I would also like to make it known that we currently have openings in our Infant and Toddler rooms. If anyone knows of a family who's children need care, please send them our way.

This January the children will be learning many new things! The first week of January is dedicated to the story of Jesus' Travels, which will tie into a theme of vacation. For some of the younger children the act of visiting a place or new thing may be more meaningful than a vacation. Simple pleasures such as camping, a walk on a beach, or a visit to a park may be a “vacation” experience they can relate to. Children will learn that taking time to enjoy God's creation can be a vacation in itself. Other concepts for this week include the nursery rhyme “She Sells Sea Shells”, the color black, the shape of a cube, the number 9 and the letter “K”.

During the second week the children will discuss and learn the Lord's Prayer and the ways in which it helps them to communicate with God. They will learn how everything they say and do can communicate Christ-like lives. They will also discuss ways in which people communicate today. The concepts for this week include “Sing a Song of Sixpence”, the letter “L”, number 10, color gray, and the shape of an octagon.

The third week of January is based off the story of how Jesus healed the blind man. This story will give us a great opportunity to discuss our different senses. As adults we generally take for granted the ways we perceive the world, but to a young child many of the sights, sounds, tastes, textures and smells are new and exciting. Our nursery rhyme this week will be “Eye, Finger, Nose” and we will revisit the other concepts from the second week.

For the fourth week we will talk about the story of the paralytic who's friends helped him see Jesus by lowering him through the roof. The other concepts for this week include the rhyme “Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear”, the letter “M”, number 11, colors pink and brown, and the shape of a diamond.

The final week of January leading into February is about wind, waves, and the color blue. These themes come from the story of how Jesus calmed the storm. Children will also learn that when someone is described as “true blue” it means that he/she is completely trustworthy. They will discuss the importance of knowing who they can trust. The nursery rhyme for this week is “Little Boy Blue” and the other concepts from the previous week will be carried over to this week, as well.

Have a great month and New Year!
Samantha Musser, Assistant Director