

Christmas gift for parents

OBJECTIVES: To have the Joeys feel proud of themselves and to remind them later what they looked like when they were Joeys.

The week before, take photographs of all your Joeys, one at a time. Have the film developed during the week.

5 minutes

Opening: Hop, flag break and welcome

5 minutes

Game: What's the time Mr Wolf? It's Christmas time

Have one Joey facing the wall. She or he is Mr Wolf. The other Joeys across the other end of the hall call out *What's the time Mr Wolf?* The Joeys then move the same number of steps as the time called. This goes on until Mr Wolf suddenly calls out *Christmas time* and chases the Joeys back to the end of the hall. If he catches someone, that Joey becomes Mr Wolf.

10 minutes

Story: *The Good Samaritan*

retold by Majorie Newman

or *Teddy's first Christmas* by Amanda Davidson

or *Christmas in the Tree* by Ivan Southall and Kay Datlmer.

25 minutes

Activity: Christmas gift

Each Joey makes a picture in a frame to put on their refrigerator at home. You will need the photographs taken the previous week, Christmas design paper plates, red & green ribbon, glue, scissors and magnets. See the instructions given on a separate sheet.

10 minutes

Songs: Christmas carols

Sing Christmas carols with the Joeys. They may have some favourites. If not, teach them some simple carols.

5 minutes

Closing: Hop, and lower the flag

Prayer

O Lord Jesus,
Who, for love of us, lay as a baby in a manger,
We thank you that by your coming you brought joy to all the world.
Help us at this glad time to try to make others happy for your sake.

Amen.

Farewell and any notices.

RESOURCES

You will need a story, red and green ribbon, magnets, Christmas design paper plates, glue, scissors and a photograph of each Joey taken the previous week.

A Gift for Mum and Dad

1. Find a glass whose diameter is the same as the inside bottom of the paper plate and carefully draw around and cut out the Joey's photograph.
2. Paste the photograph onto the inside bottom of the plate.
3. Glue a ribbon bow onto the plate near or at the bottom of the photograph.
4. Glue a magnet onto the back of the plate.

