

Plans for R.E. Christmas Story Enactment!!!

All children in Grades K-5, are encouraged to take part in this year's Christmas Program on Monday, Dec. 17, Tuesday, Dec. 18 or Wednesday, Dec. 19!

Parents, grandparents, and godparents, please come during your child(ren's) regular R.E. session, and go directly to our CHURCH! Before the actual day of the program, the children will know where their designated area in the church will be to wait with their teachers.

Our ONE rehearsal practice will take place the week before at your child's designated R.E. Session- Dec. 10, 11, or 12!

Roles:

A key role ALL the students (and parents) have is singing the six Christmas carols that are sung at timely places during the Christmas story enactment.

For those children interested, names have been drawn for angels, shepherds, and sheep. Names of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders were drawn for the roles of Mary, Joseph, 3 kings, star bearer, and the Angel Gabriel.

Costumes: *(Please Note: costumes for angels, shepherds, and sheep are NOT needed for practice/rehearsal the week of Dec. 10)*

We will provide costumes for children chosen for Mary, Joseph, 3 kings, star bearer, and the Angel Gabriel. Also provided are simple sheep head bands for the sheep.

Parents are responsible for providing costumes for angels and shepherds. Suggestions are:

- **Angels:** Dress your child in white garments (white dresses, bathrobe, a large square of white fabric with a cut-out neck hole) and a belt around the waist with white shirt and white pants/tights underneath. For the halo, make a circle out of silver or gold garland, tape the ends together and secure it with bobby pins to hold it in place.
- **Shepherds:** Dress your child in a colored garment. A bathrobe or large piece of fabric, an old striped or colored sheet, with a cut-out neck hole and waist tie, with shirt and pants underneath, works well. Use a face towel or piece of fabric as a head scarf, tied with a rope or band to hold it on their head. Your child may bring a stuffed animal, traditional to a stable setting. For safety, **PLEASE** keep shepherd sticks or canes at home.
- **Sheep:** White shirt, blouse or turtleneck and dark pants.
- The church will likely be full and the children may get hot, so **avoid** having your child wear a sweater underneath their costume.

Reception to Follow in MPR: Following the Christmas story enactment in church, let's join one another in the MPR for a simple holiday reception with a variety of fruit, cheese and crackers, and Christmas cookies.

Note: Both the Christmas enactment and holiday reception will likely finish within an hour. If you have questions, please contact Mary Jo Trapani, 331-707-5378 Thank you!!!