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Thank you to all the staff and especially to the children who made this program possible.



Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool



## Christmas Program 2016

## **The Christmas Story**

Once upon a night, a long time ago, three tired travelers made their way along a dusty road to a little town called Bethlehem. One was a young woman named Mary, who was going to have a baby. The second was a man named Joseph, who was Mary's husband. And the third was a little donkey on which Mary rode.

They were very tired when they reached Bethlehem. They needed a place to rest and spend the night. Joseph looked everywhere, but all the rooms at the inn were full. The inn keeper said "No room here." Finally Joseph found an innkeeper, who said "You can sleep in my stable."

Mary and Joseph were very glad for a place to rest. They felt warm and snug in the stable. That night, Mary's baby was born. That baby was Jesus, God's only son. Mary wrapped Jesus in a blanket and laid him in a manger, the place where the cows eat their hay. Mary and Joseph were filled with joy and love.

The animals in the stable kept Jesus company that wonderful Christmas. Just outside the town some shepherds were tending their sheep. It was very quiet and they watched the many twinkling stars in the sky. Suddenly, a great light pierced the darkness as a star much larger than the rest appeared over the town. The shepherds were scared! But an angel appeared to them and said "Don't be afraid, I have good news."

The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found the baby Jesus lying in the manger. They were very happy as they knelt down before him. Mary treasured all of this in her heart.

In a far off eastern land, a star appeared to three very rich wise men. The wise men knew this star would lead them to the king. They gathered together precious gifts, saddled their camels and followed the star.

*Then they knelt, they prayed, and they bowed their heads as they worshiped baby Jesus in his manger bed.* 

## Christmas Presentation Program

Intro/Lighting Candles	Tricia Wilson
Welcome and Prayer	Pastor Jason Micheli
Narrator	Susan Richcreek
The Kittens-5 Day 3s: Feliz Navidad	
The Lambs-3 Day 3s: Bells Are Ringing	
The Ladybugs-5 Day 3s: Oh What a Special Night	
The Alligators-VPKA: Hush, There Is a Baby	
The Dolphins-VPKC: There Was a Little Baby	
All VPK Classes: We Wish You a Merry Christmas	
Everyone: Happy Birthday to You, Jesus	

## Closing Prayer/Announcements Pastor Emily

"Happy Birthday Jesus" cake will be served in Fellowship Hall immediately following the program

