



# ILS Connections

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## December 2025

Teaching children during their preschool age about the birth of Jesus should be simple, joyful and meaningful—even in a culture that often dismisses Christ. At this age, kids learn through warmth, repetition, and hands-on experiences. You don't need to defend your faith to the little ones but instead introduce them to this story with confidence and love. One way you can do this as a parent is sharing the story of the Nativity with your child(ren). Show pictures, name each character, and remind your child that Jesus was God's gift to the world. Little ones understand Christ's love long before they understand theology. Some children might enjoy setting up a nativity decoration or scene they can touch in the home as you prepare for Christmas decorations. There are also loads of art projects online for creating your own nativity scene with your child(ren). Your confidence and ease in mentioning Christ during the holidays is what matters most. We all enjoy the other holiday festivities such as Santa and his elves, the Grinch, or Elf on the Shelf, but please don't neglect to teach your child about the most important theme of all: the birth of our Savior. Give them a foundation into their faith that will not abandon them as they become adults. Plant those seeds now while they are open to Christ's love and interested in your teachings.

Merry Christmas! In Christ, Mrs. S.





**From our Orange Room:** It's hard to believe another month has flown by—this year is going so fast! This month brings all our favorite Christmas themes like gingerbread men, candy canes, and, most importantly, the birth of baby Jesus. Our class is so excited to perform for our families at the Christmas program and to celebrate together at our Christmas party to close out the month.

Our learning focus for December:

Letters: G and O

Numbers: 0 and 20

Color: Green

Shape: Triangle

Sight Words: to and the

During Jesus Time, we will learn about the First Christmas—focusing on the angels, shepherds, and Wise Men who celebrated the birth of our Savior.

**Mrs. Hammer**





**From our Green Room:** November is off to a great start even though the temperatures are getting colder. I think our first Veterans Day concert was an example of just how wonderful our ILS students & families really are. Another part of November we also enjoyed was having all our community helpers visit and talk about their jobs. In Ms. Wiese's class we are already looking forward to our Christmas activities including our Christmas concert which is Dec. 18th at 6:30 p.m. For the month of December we will focus on:

Color: Green

Number: 0 and 20

Shape: Rectangle

Letters: Gg, Oo, and Review the letters Ss-Oo

Another holiday activity we have coming up is our Christmas Party which is Saturday Dec. 13th from 4 to 7 p.m. We hope to see you there!

**Ms. Wiese**



**From our Purple Room:** December is here, and our classroom is filled with excitement and Christmas cheer. This month's learning focus: Letters: M, N, and O--We'll explore these letters through songs and crafts — M is for mitten, N is for nest, and O is for ornament! Color: Green--Just like Christmas trees and holly leaves, we'll see lots of green this month! Number: 5 --We'll count to 5, look for sets of 5, and other fun counting projects. Shape: Triangle-- triangles are everywhere during the holidays! From Christmas trees to Santa's hat, we'll explore this shape through art and play. We'll be visiting Liberty Estates to share some Christmas cheer with the residents with songs and a craft. This is an opportunity for our children to experience the joy of giving and spreading happiness to others. A few friendly reminders: continue to check folders for important dates about Christmas spirit week and our Christmas party sign-ups! Please dress your child warmly-- provide coats, hats and gloves as we go outside for play whenever weather allows. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making your child's education a success! **Mrs. Rouse**







**From our Yellow Room:** November was a wonderful month in our two-year-old classroom! We loved learning all about community helpers and how they make our neighborhoods safe and happy. Our favorite shape this month was the star — we found stars in our artwork, songs, and even during playtime! One of the biggest highlights of the month was singing our Veterans Day songs during circle time. The children sang with so much joy and pride, and it was heartwarming to see their excitement each day. We are now anxiously awaiting the Christmas fun beginning in our room, at the Christmas family night, and the Christmas Program! Hope to see you all there! **Miss Nicole**







**From our Blue Room:** In the Young 2s room this month, we learned about Veterans Day, turkeys, and Thanksgiving. We also learned the color brown and the number 3.

In December, we will be learning all about Christmas—candy canes, gingerbread, and more! We will also move on to the color green and the number 4.

In Jesus Time, we will be learning about the Christmas story and the birth of Jesus.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!  
**Miss Kirsten**



## Bible Verse of the Month:

Therefore, the Lord  
himself will give you a  
sign: Behold, the virgin  
shall conceive and bear a  
son and shall call his  
name Immanuel."

Isaiah 7:14







### Upcoming Dates:

**December 13<sup>th</sup>, 4-7pm,  
ILS Christmas Party**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm,  
ILS Christmas Program**

**Christmas Break-  
December 22- January 2**

