

**A LESSON ABOUT
THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS**
Leader's Guide

1. LOCATION:

The **FIR TREE** is a pure green color. It remains green all year round. A green thriving tree in the dead of winter reminds people of the everlasting hope that Jesus brings. The top points toward heaven where Jesus lives. Jesus made it possible for us to live forever in heaven after we die.



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The **STAR** is an important Christmas symbol. The Bethlehem star appeared in the sky when Jesus was born. The star was the sign of the fulfillment of God's promise to send us a Savior. It shows us that God does keep his promises. The Wise Men used the star to find Jesus. We need to follow the light of the star to find Jesus, too.



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GIFTS remind us that Christmas is a time of giving. The greatest **GIFT** in the world is that **GOD** gave "HIS only begotten **SON...**" As you open your Christmas gifts, remember that the Savior is the true gift. We need to rejoice in the gift of God's only Son.



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The **WREATH** symbolizes the real nature of love. A wreath is circular and circles do not have a beginning or an end. Just like a circle, God's love for us never ends. His Love is one continuous circle of fondness and affection.



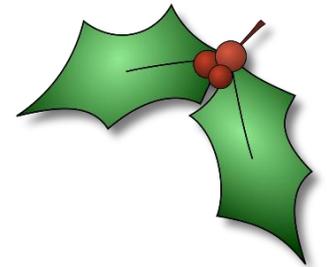
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SANTA CLAUS symbolizes the generosity and good will we need to feel during Christmas. Santa is so kind and generous. Jesus wants us to be extra nice and generous to others during the Christmas season just like Santa. Be jolly and give without expecting anything in return.



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The HOLLY PLANT stays green all year long. The everlasting green color signifies the immortality of Jesus. Its thorny points represent the crown of thorns worn by Jesus when he died. The red holly berries remind us of the blood shed by Jesus. When we look at holly, we should realize the sacrifices Jesus made for us.



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The CANDLE symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world. When we see a warm candle light, we should realize that Jesus displaces the darkness and gives us comfort and light. Candles also call us to be light for others. We need to help others see the light of Jesus by loving and serving them as Jesus taught us in the Gospel.



8. LOCATION:

The THREE WISE MEN traveled a long way searching and searching for the baby Jesus. We should long to find the baby Jesus as much as they did. They were very unselfish when presenting Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Can we be as unselfish and giving as they were?



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The ANGELS announced the glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will toward men. We need to be as joyful as they were in proclaiming the birth of Jesus. WE should spread Christmas tidings and joy to our family and friends just like the angels did.



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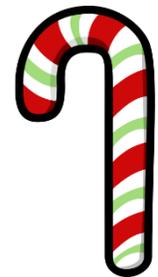
The BELL symbolizes guidance and return. Sheep wear bells on their collars. And lost sheep are found by the sound of the bell. Whenever a bell rings, it should remind us that we are all precious in the eyes of God. Christmas bells also are important because they ring out in celebration to announce the coming of the great Lord who loves us all.



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The CANDY CANE represents the shepherds' cane. The crook on the cane helps shepherds to bring back strayed sheep to the flock. The candy cane helps us remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. When we chose to follow Jesus, we know he will always gently lead us to safety and peace.



LOCATION:

Santa says...

"Remember, the true meaning of Christmas. Do not put me in the center. I am but a humble servant of the One that is, and I bow down to worship HIM, our LORD, our GOD. May all glory be given to God in all that we do."

