

The Sunday School Lesson
for the First Sunday after Christmas

John 1:1-18

Today is the first Sunday after Christmas. During the holidays we spend lots of time with families and friends. Even our extended families get a call or visit from us.

It's so great to be a part of a family whether you're born into that family, brought into that family for care, or you were adopted. Family should love you unconditionally even though at times you might wish they weren't your family.

As I look back at my own family we didn't always get along, but if any of my siblings were in trouble we all came to the rescue.

So it is with our family of God. Through God coming to us as one of us and living among us, He has adopted us all as His children. God came to us as Jesus to have our sins forgiven through His sacrifice and grace.

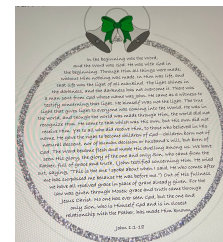
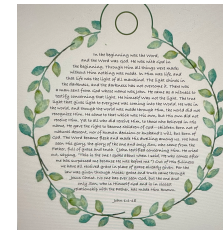
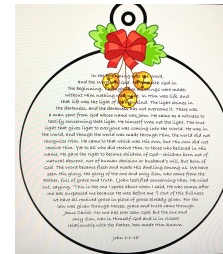
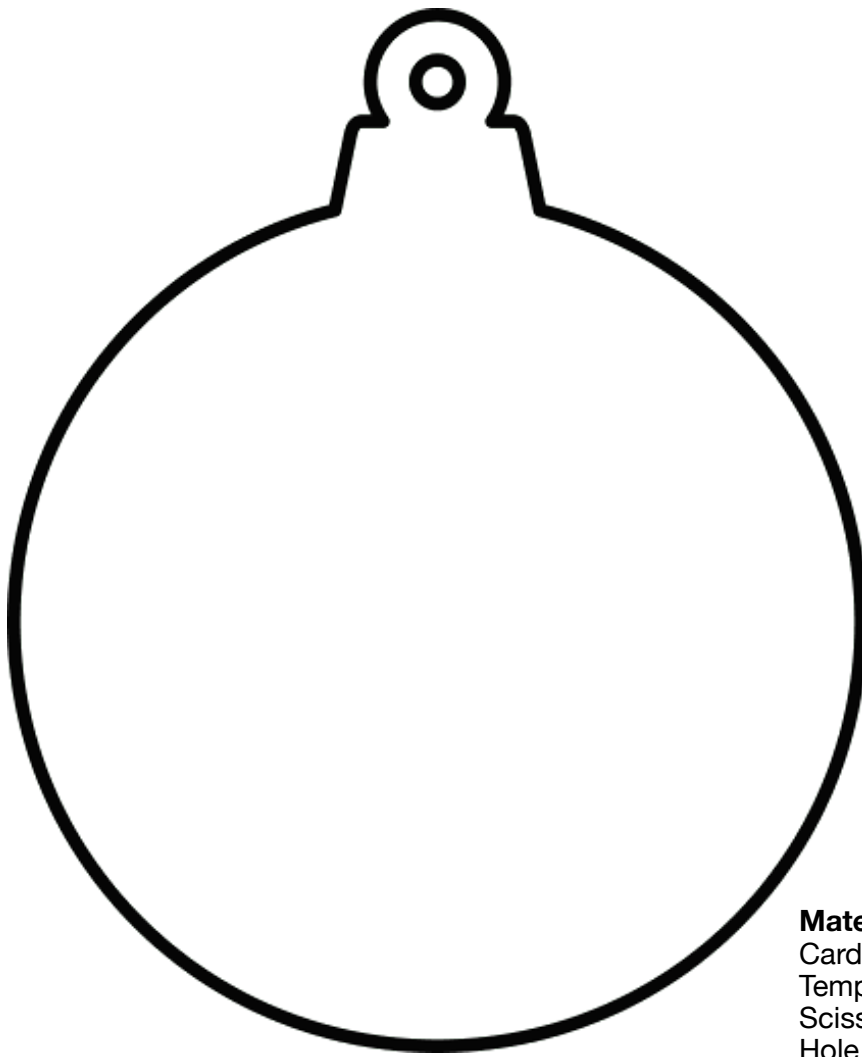
We are all siblings of God and even though we don't always get along or agree, we still should love, care for, and respect each other.

Prayer

*Dear Father in heaven,
We thank you for making us all your children.
Help us to show our siblings in Christ
how much we love them as you have loved us.*



Craft for the First Sunday after Christmas



In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was God. He was with God in
the beginning. Through Him all things were made;
without Him nothing was made. In Him was life, and
that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in
the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was
a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to
testify concerning that light. He himself was not the light. The true
light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in
the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not
recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not
receive Him. Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His
name, He gave the right to become children of God—children born not of
natural descent, nor of human decision or husband's will, but born of
God. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have
seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the
Father, full of grace and truth. (John testified concerning Him. He cried
out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, He who comes after
me has surpassed me because He was before me.") Out of His fullness
we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the
law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through
Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and
only Son, who is Himself God and is in closest
relationship with the Father, has made Him known.

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Materials:

- Cardstock, poster board, foam board, or oak tag
- Template of ornament and Bible passage
- Scissors
- Hole puncher
- Glue
- Glitter or glitter pen (optional)
- Decorations (optional)
- Thin Ribbon, yarn, raffia, twine or cord

Directions:

- *Copy templates on desired material and cut out.
- *Glue Bible passage to ornament
- *Decorate as desired
- *Punch a hole at the top on the small circle
- *Cut ribbon, yarn, raffia, twine or cord a length that you desire. Be sure the length will go through the hole and knot the ends together. Also, don't forget to give enough length for hanging.

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