

Lion and Lamb

Theme: Peaceable Kingdom

Isaiah 11: 1-9

Isaiah was a prophet. Prophets are people who come so close to God and God comes so close to them that they know what God wants. In a time of great sadness and darkness, Isaiah wrote about the coming of a new kind of king, a King like no other, a king who would bring peace and justice to the earth. Isaiah describes the Peaceable Kingdom that will come about, even for the animals, where the lion and the lamb will play together and everyone will be safe

Apple

Theme: Adam and Eve Fall

Genesis 3: 1-7

The story of Jesus coming to earth starts with Adam and Eve. God created Adam and Eve in God's own image and said that it was *very good*. God gave Adam and Eve a very beautiful garden to live in and all that they needed. The only thing God told them they could not do was eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But Adam and Eve disobeyed God; they ate the fruit. Because they made a bad choice, God punished them. The apple is a symbol to remind us to choose to trust God and to do what God tells us to do.

Rainbow

Theme: God's Covenant with His People

Genesis 6: 11-22, 7: 13-15

After Adam and Eve, people continued to try to do things their way instead of God's way. Each time, they would get into trouble. And each time, God would show them that they were still important to Him. Finally, things got so bad that God decided to wipe everything out in a flood. Even then God finds a family that will obey Him so that He can save humankind and His other creatures so they can try again. The rainbow is a sign of God's promise that he will not flood the earth again.

Stars in the Sky

Theme: The Promise

Genesis 12: 1-7, 15: 1-6

With Abram (Abraham) and his wife Sarai (Sara), God begins a new plan for teaching people to work with Him. Abram obeys when God tells him to move to a new land, even though he does not know

where it is or what he will do there. And Abram believes God's promise that he will have many grandchildren, even though so far he has no children and his wife is very old. Abram's cooperation with God will be the beginning of blessing for all the families of the earth. God tells Abraham he will be the ancestor of as many people as there are stars in the sky.