

Temple Family Bible Study – April 19th

Making the Incarnation of Jesus Real to Me

Start the Conversation

Before you start your family Bible study time, find a several food items in your pantry that can be used for this Icebreaker Activity.

Instructions:

- 1) Have everyone in the study put on a blindfold and keep it on until they are told to remove it.
- 2) Tell them that you are going to play a game to see who is able to figure out the secret foods.
- 3) One by one, pour the food out into a bowl to see if they can figure out what it is by hearing only.
- 4) For all the foods that they could not figure out by hearing, allow them to touch it.
- 5) If there are still unidentified foods, allow them to take off their blindfolds to identify it with sight.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Why were some of the foods easier to identify than others?
- 2) What changed about your sense of hearing and sense of touch while you were blind-folded?
- 3) How do your senses (sight, smell, hearing, taste & touch) work together to help you learn things?

Turn to the Bible

In 1 John 1:1, who/what is this referring to that John had heard, seen and touched? (c.f. John 1:14)

Incarnation (lit. "in flesh") is a word that describes the process of God the Son becoming a human being—the divine God-man. **When did God the Son become a human being? Who can tell the story?** (If it is needed, consider Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 2:1-20)

According to Matthew 1:21, why did God tell Mary and Joseph to name the baby "Jesus"?

Read Philippians 2:5-8. What does this passage teach about God the Son becoming a human being? Why was it essential for God the Son to become a man?

Read Romans 5:6-11. What did Jesus' death on the cross accomplish for you and for me?

Make a Plan

What does it mean to see/touch/hear Jesus today? (1 John 4:11-15 and John 14:15-17, 23)

Christian discipleship must be experiential. The authenticity of our faith is linked to the vitality of Jesus' life within us. If Jesus is only a teaching from the Bible, our testimony will be hollow. If Jesus is a real person to us, our testimony will be powerful. **How do you see Jesus?**