WINTER



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| Faith | * God made the world |
| Values / Morality | * Caring for God’s creation |
| Points for  Discussion | * Nature in Winter * Caring for birds in Winter * Winter weather * Ourselves in Winter: * clothes we wear * fun we can have |
| Prayers | * Thank you God for Winter * Winter Time * Prayer Service |
| Sacred Space | * Cloth * Candle * Children’s Bible * Children’s Winter artwork |
| Children's  Bible Stories |  |
| Songs & Nursery Rhymes | * I’m a Great Big Snowman * It is Winter |
| Books | **The Snow Family**  By Daniel Kirk  Published by Disney-Hyperion  ISBN-10: 0786803045 |

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|  | Frozen Noses  By Jan Carr, illustrations by Dorothy Donohue  Published by Holiday House  ISBN-10: 0823414620  Flannel Kisses  By Linda Crotta Brennan, illustrations by Mari Takabayashi  Published by Houghton Miffin Harcourt  ISBN-10: 0618737529  The Jacket I Wear in the Snow  By Shirley Neitzel, illustrations by Nancy Winslow Parker  Published by Greenwillow Books  ISBN-10: 0688045871  Frosty the Snowman  By Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins, illustrations by  Richard Cowdrey  Published by Grosset & Dunlap  ISBN-10: 0448431998 |
| Links with Family | * Discuss how our families care for us in Winter |

**Prayers**

**Thank You God for Winter**

Thank you, God, for winter

is the prayer we say.

Thank you, God, for winter,

and keep us safe each day.

**Winter Time**

Winter time is when it freezes,

we get colds and we get sneezes.

But God will keep us safe and strong,

till the springtime comes along.

Woolly hat and woolly sweater,

woolly gloves and we feel better.

But God will keep us safe and strong,

till the springtime comes along.

**Prayer Service**

**Preparation:** Light a candle.

**All:** Sign of the Cross.

**Teacher:** Let us close our eyes and think of all the good things around us in winter.

**Play suitable music ...**

I am thinking of the warm clothes we wear in winter.

I am thinking of the fires that we sit around on winter nights.

I am thinking of the little animals all fast asleep for winter.

I am thinking of the hot meals we eat to keep us warm.

I want to thank God Our Father for all the care that I get in

winter.

Listen!

God Our Father, thank you for all the good things that keep me warm and happy in winter.

Let us all together thank God Our Father.

**All:** God Our Father, thank you for all the things that keep me warm and happy in winter.

**Teacher:** Encourage the children to pray spontaneously about winter e.g.

Thank you God for our warm school ...

**Teacher:** Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit.

**Songs and Nursery Rhymes**

**I’m a Great Big Snowman**

**(To the tune of: I’m a Little Teapot)**

I’m a great big snowman,

tall and fat,

here’s my tummy,

here’s my hat.

Raisins for my eyes,

and a carrot nose,

I’m all snow from head to toe!

**It is Winter**

**(To the tune of: Are You Sleeping?)**

It is winter,

it is winter.

Oh, so cold!

Oh, so cold!

Icy, snowy weather,

icy, snowy weather,

Winter’s here.

Winter’s here.