



Standard #5 Church

Illustrate a basic understanding of Church.

Performance Indicator

~Identify and celebrate the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.

Assessment : How will you know that the children learned or are able to perform the indicator?

Where in your catechetical materials did you find the performance indicator?

Some Sample Activities



Gather the children and their families together for a springtime nature walk to look for and gather signs of new life. Connect the discoveries to the resurrection of Jesus.



Invite the children to participate in making symbols for and decorating a Jesse Tree, or have them create a paper wreath to take home for Advent.



Provide time for the children to make a New Life album out of items collected on the springtime walk with their families. Allow creative drawings to be added to help personalize each album, and then talk about what the albums illustrate. Be sure to include the concepts of *new life* and *transformation*.



Invite families to help their children list all of the sacramental events they have seen and talk about what was celebrated at each event.



Pray the Way of the Cross in the Church during Lent. Invite families to join you.



Make special "Birth of Jesus" storybooks. Ask the children to pretend they were in a stable in Bethlehem and write in the storybooks what they saw and heard. They should also add illustrations.

Other activities I found useful...