

# A Peek Into The Atrium

## **The Nativity of Jesus**

During the advent/Christmas cycle, we give a presentation on **The Nativity of Jesus**. Each year we share the scripture of the birth of Jesus and the adoration of the shepherds (Luke 2:1-20), the birth of Jesus and the Adoration of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12) or the Presentation in the Temple (Luke 2:22-40.) Over a three-year cycle, the child will have heard each narrative.

In the atrium, we try to speak of “Nativity” rather than “Christmas.” “Christmas” has a great range of meanings in our (secular) culture; children may associate “Christmas” with a variety of images (reindeer, Santa, gifts, etc.) In order to help the child focus specifically on the birth of Jesus, we try to refer to Christmas as “The Feast of the Nativity.” This helps focus the child’s thoughts and reflections on Jesus and not the other events taking place all around.

**Blessings to all our atrium  
families!**

**May our homes be filled with the  
joy and peace of Christ.**

**Next atrium sessions will be in  
January, following the New Year.**