

**December 9/November 26, 2007**

## **St. Nicholas - Sharing**

The purpose of today's lesson was to help your child understand that sharing is part of getting along together in God's family. Your child was told the story of St. Nicholas. He loved children and serves as a good example for them to follow.

Preschool children find it difficult to share. As parents, we must be patient as God the Father is patient with us. Everyone is selfish and self-centered to a certain degree. It is not abnormal to be selfish. This does not mean, however, that we give in to the child's selfish demands or let the child have everything he/she wants. It does mean we recognize the child's feeling about not wanting to share. Instead of insisting that your child share, you can stress the importance of cooperation and working for the common good. We can try to use statements that do not belittle the child, but still demonstrate sharing: "It's time to let Johnny hold the toy now" and "you can help me sweep the floor" are examples. As an adult, you are the best role model for showing your child that give and take is part of the community of God. When others are considerate, cooperate and share willingly, your child will gradually learn to do the same.

We also talked about how when we go to church and receive Communion we are sharing. "We give the bread and wine to God and he shares His love with us. He shares His Communion with us. We eat the Communion together."

### *Prayer Life:*

The following prayer should help reinforce the lesson of this week:

*In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Dear Jesus, it is nice to share. Please help me to share with others. Amen.*

### *Class Project:*

In class today all of the students shared their talents with one another. They each colored a flower petal and shared their petals to make one beautiful flower for our classroom.