



JINGLE JAM – DECEMBER 2019 – KINDER/FIRST

Bible Story: *O Night Divine* ▪ Luke 2:1–20

Bottom Line: *You can have joy because God sent His Son.*

Key Question: *What’s the best part of Christmas this year?*

Memory Verse: *“Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!”*
Philippians 4:4

Life App: *Joy—Finding a way to be happy, even when things don’t go your way*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

Summary: In Luke 2:1–20, we read that God didn’t announce Jesus’ birth to kings or government officials. Rather, He sent an angel choir to announce this news to a bunch of shepherds on a hillside. The shepherds ran to find Jesus, where they worshipped Him. They were so full of joy that made sure to tell everyone what they saw when they left.

PRE-SERVICE ACTIVITY

1. Joyful Gifts

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: Butcher paper; markers

What You Do:

- Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and asking about what they are most excited for Christmas
- Set out the butcher paper and markers, and tell kids to gather around the paper.
- Ask kids to think about the gift or item they received this past year that brought them the most joy.
- Tell kids to draw that item on the paper.
- As kids work, encourage them to tell everyone about the gift they chose and why. But don't pressure anyone to share if they're not comfortable.
 - ***[Make It Personal] [Do this activity with the kids, and make sure to share about your item.]***

What You Say:

“Those are some great gifts. I can see why they filled you with joy. [Transition] Let's go to Large Group, where we'll hear about the gift that brings the most joy ever!”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

Key Question: *What's the best part about Christmas this year? No matter what is happening at home, Christmas can be joyful experience because God sent Jesus to be our Savior. Because preteens might have a hard time seeing why they can be joyful, we start with a question that gets them thinking about the great things that might happen during Christmas this year.*

SMALL GROUP

1. Discussion Questions

[Application Activity]

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask:
 - What is the most meaningful part of the Christmas story for you?
 - What are you most looking forward to about this Christmas week?
 - Christmas is so fun and wonderful, but it can also sometimes be disappointing. What can you do to have joy if/when you don't get everything you asked for, someone in your family isn't getting along, or something just goes wrong on Christmas Day?

2. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Remind kids that no matter what happens this week during Christmas, God sent His Son because He loves us that much!
- Ask your group if they have anything they would like you to pray for.
- Close your time together with prayer.

What You Say:

*“Dear God, we are so very grateful that You have already given us the best Christmas present ever. There is no toy, new pair of shoes, or game we could ask for that would even come close to what You’ve already gifted us. Today we would also like to pray for our friends and our family who may not know about the gift You have given us. We pray that they learn about You in this Christmas season and that no matter where they are and what they are doing, they may know **[Bottom Line] you can have joy because God sent His Son.**”*