



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Joyful, Joyful**  
Gabriel Appears to Mary  
Luke 1:26-56

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What are your plans for Christmas?

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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He is the Messiah, the Lord.  
Luke 2:11, NIV

### MONTHLY LIFE APP

Christmas—Celebrating Jesus,  
God's greatest gift

### BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

### PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

### SMALL GROUP

**15**  
MIN

#### **SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction**

Early Arriver  
Opening Activity

### LARGE GROUP

**35**  
MIN

#### **STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways** **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

Welcome/Opener  
Worship ("Christmas This Year" from *Jingle Jam Wrapped Up*, "Joy to the World (Glory to the King)" from *Joy to the World (Glory to the King)* single, and "Angels We Have Heard On High" from *Jingle Jam*)  
Bible Story (Communicator Script)  
Key Question  
Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN

#### **GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect**

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot and Discussion Questions  
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Review  
Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You  
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)  
GodTime devotional for kids  
Studio252.tv  
Parent Cue App



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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

**AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS STUDENTS ENTER.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP**

Host enters . . .

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME**

## WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like the PS5 launch, the fact that stores have been selling Christmas stuff since Halloween, and so on. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

The Christmas lights from Week 1 are still strung and lit.

## OPENER

**HOST:** "Welcome, everyone! Hope you're all having a fantastic December and that things are looking merry and bright! It's straight up Christmas here at *Mission*, nothing added, just simply Christmas. We're getting closer and closer to the twenty-fifth, and I can't wait! Lots of food, lots of friends, lots of family, and topped off with celebrating Jesus' birth! What could be better?"

Look over at a stack of presents.

This season is all about how God delivered the gift of His Son to save all mankind, but how about we deliver some of these presents right now? I need two teams of six kids each to deliver these to their destination. Who's up for it?"

Choose teams of six (K/3rd vs 1st/2nd), (4 vs 5 vs 6) and bring them on stage.

"Here's how it will work. These teams will deliver these presents from one



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side of the **stage** (*point*) to the other (*point*). Each team will stand in a line, stretching from one side of the **stage** to the other and pass the packages down the line from one person to another, conveyor belt style. Sounds easy, right?"

"Wrong! There's always a twist! You're not a conveyor belt, which is super boring . . . you're more of a Rube Goldberg machine which is not super boring. Has anyone heard of a Rube Goldberg machine?"

*Optional: show a video of a Rube Goldberg machine*

#### **OPTIONAL VIDEO: RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINE**

*(Take an answer, if someone knows)* Exactly! It's the machine where the bowling ball swings, and hits the lever that turns on the fan, that blows the toy boat across the water with the match, that lights the string, that releases the balloon, that lifts the trap door, that drops the food to your cat. That's right; we're playing Christmas with Rube Goldberg!"

#### **SLIDE: CHRISTMAS WITH RUBE GOLDBERG**

"Each person in the line will have an 'action' to perform or a specific and special way of handing the package off to the next person."

"For example, volunteer number two must spin the package on one finger five times before handing it off. Volunteer number three has to balance the package on his or her head for five seconds before passing it on. Everyone will have something specific to do, and first team to deliver all of their packages to the other side of the room wins! Got it? Let's line up!"

"Here's what each volunteer will do before passing the package down the line:

Volunteer #1 – Balance the package on one finger, circus-style, for a five-count

Volunteer #2 – Spin the package on one finger, like a basketball, five times

Volunteer #3 – Balance the package on their head for a five-count

Volunteer #4 – Use your hands to move the package around your back and front five times

Volunteer #5 – Hold the package in your feet and spin on your rear end five times

Volunteer #6 – Shoot the package into a large box three times

*Get the teams into position. Have a leader watching each team. Say "GO." After the game is ended, declare a winner and give Christmas cookies as a prize.*

"Guys, that was amazing! I'm totally sure those presents aren't broken at all. Let's break down our Rube Goldberg machines and worship our amazing God!"



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) Kinder-6th - Christmas Eve services - JINGLE JAM

2) \*\*\*PRETEEN ONLY

- Hang Night for guys - THIS SUNDAY, Dec 13th 4-630p (fliers)

- Hang Time for girls - NEXT SUNDAY, Dec 20th 1p-3p (fliers)

## WORSHIP

Song 1: Through it All

Song 2: Let Go (only in K3)

## STORY

**Video: Bible Story**



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## APPLICATION

**COMMUNICATOR:** “Wow. Mary was SO thankful to God! She saw God keeping His promises to His people.”

God had a plan for Mary. Actually, He had a plan for all of mankind. His plan included Mary. Mary couldn't see the whole plan when Gabriel showed up but I want you to think about one thing Mary said at the very beginning, just as Gabriel was leaving. She said, *(Read directly from Luke 1:38, NIV) “I serve the Lord . . . May it happen to me just as you said it would.” In other words, ‘I know You got this, God. I’m just along for the ride, and I’ll trust that You know what You’re doing.’”*

“God has a good plan for all of us. A good plan, not a bad one. Part of that plan is for us to have a close relationship with Jesus. Real joy comes from trusting in ‘God’s good plan.’ Even when things happen that you don’t expect, you can find joy in knowing that God is with you . . . and that He sent Jesus for you.”

As Mary thought about everything God was doing in her life, she was filled with JOY. “Mary didn’t ask to be Jesus’ mom, but she was chosen to be His mom anyway.

“It’s the same way with us sometimes, isn’t it? We have a plan of our own, and we have an idea how things are going to work out. But then something happens that changes everything. And sometimes it is God’s plan working itself out for us.” We need to remember “You can have joy because God has a plan for you.”

## LANDING

**COMMUNICATOR:** “Today as you go to your Small Groups, think about this:”

### SLIDE: KEY QUESTION

**“What are your plans for Christmas?** Not what things you want to unwrap on your list, but what are your plans for celebrating? What would happen if those plans were totally turned around—what would you do? Would you complain that you didn’t get to do what you wanted? Or, like Mary, would you simply say, *(Read directly from Luke 1:38, NIV) “I serve the Lord . . . May it happen to me just as you said it would.”*”

“The choice to raise a big stink or go with the flow is completely up to you, kids. Before we head to Small Groups, let’s pray and thank God for Jesus!”

*Communicator leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.*

## PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** “Dear God, thank You for Your amazing plan to send Jesus to be our Savior. You loved us so much that You sent Your Son to rescue us . . . and we are so thankful! Please help us **[Basic Truth] trust You no matter what**—just like Mary did. We know that we can have joy when we remember that You have a good plan for our lives. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”