



WEEK  
**THREE**  
DECEMBER 2020

LARGE GROUP  
**K-6**

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**How He Loves**  
Jesus Is Born  
Luke 2:1-7

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God loved us so much that  
He gave us a Savior.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Today in the town of David a  
Savior has been born to you.  
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 ("Medley" from *Have a Fancy Yancy Christmas* and "Away in a Manger" from *Little Praise Party: Happy Day Everyday*)  
Bible Story  
Bottom Line  
Prayer  
Closer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN

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

**Bible Story Review:** Craft Stick Nativity—Part 2 (K–1st Grade), The Unexpected (2nd–3rd Grade)

**Application Activity:** God Loved \_\_\_\_\_ (K–1st Grade), Ornament Art (2nd–3rd Grade)

**Memory Verse Activity:** Memory Verse Hopscotch (K–1st Grade), Verse Tower (2nd–3rd Grade)

**Prayer Activity:** Pray and Dismiss

### 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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### LARGE GROUP

**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 KIDS ENTER.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

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

*Host enters, wearing festive Christmas attire and singing along to the music.*

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

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

### OPENER

**HOST:** "Hello, everyone. It's so true—I think Christmas is my very favorite time of year! I love all the Christmas music, lights, trees, treats, and presents. This time of year is SO fun. It's a great time to celebrate!"

**SLIDE: LIFE APP**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO LIFE APP**

"This whole month we've been **celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift!**"

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIFE APP TRANSITION TO THEME**

Today we are going to open a present and see what clue we have for our game today

*Choose a kid to come on stage. Let the kid open the box and reveal the oven mitt. Have the kid return to his/her seat.*

"It's an oven mitt! Hmmm . . . You might think we're baking some yummy cookies, but that's not what's happening here. Let's bring up two of our awesome Small Group Leaders, and they'll race to see who can open the most Christmas gifts in 60 seconds . . . while wearing oven mitts on both hands!"

*Choose two leaders to come on stage. Have them stand behind the table full of wrapped gifts and give each of them two oven mitts to wear.*



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“Leaders, to score points, you’ve got to dig all the way inside a box and pull out the card inside. The cards have any number of points on them. When time’s up, we’ll add up the points and see which of you wins. (to the audience) Everyone, let’s cheer for our contestants, okay? (to contestants) Ready, set, dig!

**AUDIO: FUN CHRISTMAS MUSIC**

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

*Set a timer on your phone for 60 seconds.*

*Comment on the action as the leaders try to open the gifts. When a leader successfully pulls out (or dumps out) a card, announce the point value and set the card next to the leader.*

*When time runs out, if the leaders haven’t been very successful, you can give them 60 more seconds—possibly let them take off one of the oven mitts. The game will more entertaining if they can actually open a few gifts.*

*Total the point cards for each leader and announce the winner. Dismiss both leaders to their seats.*

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

“That was EPIC! So fun! Thanks, [leader’s name], [leader’s name], and ALL of our leaders. They do so much to make [your environment’s name] fun!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1) Kinder-6th - Christmas Eve services - JINGLE JAM
- 2) HOLIDAY ACTIVITY BOXES - available in the courtyard after service
- 3) \*\*\*PRETEEEN ONLY
  - Hang Time for girls - NEXT SUNDAY, Dec 20th 1p-3p (fliers)

**WORSHIP**

**Song 1: I CHOOSE YOU**

**Song 2: WHO YOU SAY I AM**

**Story**

**Video: Bible Story**



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**APPLICATION**

**COMMUNICATOR:** “Think about what Mary gave. Think about what she gave up! She and Joseph were entrusted with basically raising God as a Person. She gave up what she wanted, both of them did; they gave up their plans and trusted God’s plan. They trusted God, no matter what.”

“There are times when we have our plans, our wants, our desires, but sometimes God changes those plans. In those moments, do we trust Him? Do we trust that God’s plan is a good one? The good news is that yes, you can. You can trust God. The fact that Jesus was even born at all is proof of that we can trust God no matter what! God said He would give us a Savior, and He sent Jesus. God showed us how much He loves us by sending us His only Son.”

“(Point to a *child*) God sent Jesus for you. (Point to another) And you. (Point to several others) And you, and you, and you, too. God sent Jesus for you before you were even here—that’s how big God’s love is.”

“He said He’d do it, and He did. I’d say that’s pretty trustworthy. That means everything else God says in His Word can be trusted. All of the promises of life to the fullest, God being with you always, of working for good in all things, of going to heaven, all of it—you can trust in all of it.”

“This Christmas, as you celebrate, take a moment to realize just how much God loves you. Take your focus off your plans and place it squarely on His for a bit. It might just change the way you think about this season!”

**LANDING**

**COMMUNICATOR:** “It can be pretty difficult, in the moment when things change, to give up what we thought and trust God’s plan. As you head to your Small Groups, think about this question:

**SLIDE: KEY QUESTION**

“**What are you giving this Christmas?** Or, maybe more to the point, what are you giving up this Christmas? Mary gave up an ordinary, predictable life and gave everything of herself to have Jesus as her Son. Maybe God is asking us to give something big this year, too. It’s not an easy thing to grapple with, and it’s not a simple answer. The good thing is that your friends and your Small Group Leaders are ready to talk about the hard things, and you’ll find amazing ways to make God’s plan your plan. Before heading to Small Groups, let’s pray.”

*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 loving each and every person here in this room. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your Son to be our Savior! As we celebrate Christmas with our friends and family, please help us remember the true meaning of this special season. Thank You for Jesus. He really is the greatest gift the world has ever known! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY CHRISTMAS MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

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