



WEEK
ONE
DECEMBER 2020

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



Before kids arrive, pray for your time together in group today. Pray for patience to lead well at the beginning of an exciting month, asking God for eyes to see which of your kids most needs to understand the hope that God gives us in this season through the birth of His Son.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

High Hopes

Jesus is Promised
Isaiah 9:6

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What are you hoping for?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Today in the town of David a
Savior has been born to you.
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Luke 2:11, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Christmas—Celebrating Jesus,
God's greatest gift

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper, markers,

WHAT YOU DO:

- All month long, we'll be having Christmas Chats!
- Provide paper and markers for anyone who wants to draw while the group is chatting.
- Today's Christmas Chat: What traditions do you hope your family will be able to do this month?



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TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Prepared bag full of Christmas objects and a gift box with a lid

WHAT YOU DO:

- Without the kids seeing, **place** one of the Christmas items from the bag into the box.
- **Pick** one person to come up and peek in the box to see the object.
- That kid then has to describe the object to the group while they all try to guess what it is.
- The first kid to guess correctly gets to come up and describe the next item.
- **Repeat** until all the items have been described.
- **Ask:** When someone describes something BUT you can't see it, can you know for sure what it's going to be?

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BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Seven pieces of plexiglass or plastic or laminating sheets (around 8x10 size), dry erase or wet erase markers, Bibles, cards from "Bible Story Notecards" Activity Page

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WHAT YOU DO:

- **Divide** the group into pairs and **give** each pair a notecard, a marker, and a piece of clear plastic/plexiglass/laminating sheet.
- If you have more notecards than pairs, **ask** for some pairs to volunteer to take two notecards.
- **Ask** someone to look up Isaiah 9:6 and read it aloud to the group
- **Explain** that each group needs to illustrate some kind of representation of their part of the verse (the words on their notecard).
- They can interpret the verse literally or draw something abstract to represent the concepts in their verse phrase.
- When everyone is finished, **let** each pair explain their drawings.
- Then **collect** all seven drawings and stack them on top of each other.
- **Hold** up the stack so everyone can see the drawings layered together.
- **Say:** Everything you see here is what was promised in the person of Jesus. AND all the promises came true!
- **Ask:**
 - After hearing this verse, what do you think the people in the Old Testament expected Jesus to be like?



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- What's your favorite thing to do during the Christmas season?
- What brings you joy and fun at Christmastime?
- What are you hoping for right now? (Not just in terms of what are you hoping to receive for Christmas, but is something you're hoping will happen or how do you hope Christmas will turn out this year?)
- Why is hope important? How can we stay hopeful this time of year, especially with everything going on in our world right now?

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VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: White butcher paper, green paint, large paint brushes, black paint or markers, Bibles, scissors, tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Pass** out the Bibles and **ask** everyone to look up this month's memory verse, Luke 2:11.

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Finding verses with 4th-5th graders: Our verse is from Luke. Ask kids to tell you whether that's in the Old Testament or the New Testament. (New) So we know it's toward the back of the Bible. It's the third of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). When they find Luke, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Tell them to find chapter 2. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell them to find verses 11 in chapter 2.

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- **Ask:** What is the main point of the verse? Why is it important? How does this verse show us that God kept His promises from Isaiah 9:6?
- **Show** everyone the art supplies and explain that they need to work together to paint a big Christmas tree, cut it out, and hang it on the wall.
- Today's memory verse should to be painted or drawn into the tree.
 - They can do this over top of the green or incorporate it into the tree itself.
 - But when you look at the tree, you should be able to read the full verse.
- **Explain** that they will spend the month decorating this tree with God's promises.

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