



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**  
Jesus Is Promised  
Isaiah 9:6-7

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What are your plans  
for Christmas?

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God always has a plan.

### 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 VIRTUE

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**

Just for Fun  
Opening Activity

### LARGE GROUP

**35**  
MIN

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

Welcome/Opener  
Worship  
Bible Story (Communicator Script)  
Key Question  
Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN

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

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot  
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Review and Discussion Questions  
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)  
Devotionals for Kids  
Parent Cue App

# the BIG GIVE

GET WRAPPED  
UP IN  
CHRISTMAS

WEEK  
**ONE**  
DECEMBER 2022

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO CONNECT

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



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## 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- How does it make you feel when someone makes a plan that includes you, but you're not part of the details or you don't have a say in the planning?
- Do you typically prefer to be part of the planning, or do you like the unknown of going along for the ride?
- How can you trust that God has a plan for YOUR life?

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### MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



### 4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Four bowls, spoons, "Snowball Verse" Activity Pages

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Divide kids into two teams and line them up with their teams on one end of your room or group space.
- Give each team a stack of "Snowball Verse" Activity page cards and instruct them to ball up each card and put the cards in a bowl.
- On the other end of your space, place the bowls opposite of each team, giving each team an empty bowl and a bowl filled with their "verse snowballs."
- Give each kid a spoon and explain that when you say, "Go!" they will take turns running to their bowls.
- They will place the handle of the spoon in their Hands, they will scoop one snowball from one bowl to the other and then run back to their team.
- The next player in line will then repeat the process until the team has moved all snowballs from one bowl to the other.
- Then the team will work together to smooth out the snowball cards and put the verse in order.
- The first team to have the verse in the correct order wins the game. (Challenge kids to do this first without looking up the verse in the Bible. If they start to get overly frustrated, let them use the Bible for reference.)
- Have the entire group read Luke 2:11 out loud together. Encourage kids to work on memorizing the verse this month.

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**MADE TO REFLECT**

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



**5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER**  
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Index cards, pens or pencils

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each kid an index card and a pen or pencil
- Encourage kids to think about the past year. Was there a particular plan they were able to see and experience as it all unfolded? Help kids consider this by giving suggestions.
  - Was there a goal they set for themselves?
  - Did they have to move to a new place and make new friends?
  - Did they try out a new sport or hobby?
  - Have they had to work extra hard to make good grades in school?
- Instruct them to write about it on one side of their index card.
- Next, encourage kids to think about a plan they would like to have for the year ahead. Tell them to write it down on the other side of their index card.
- Give kids a chance to pray silently.
  - They can thank God for how they were able to see things come together with what God had planned for the past year.
  - And then they can ask God to help them continue to trust with what's ahead next year.
- Pray for your group.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

Dear God,  
Thank you for always having a plan. It's amazing how You had a plan all along in order to bring peace and restoration to this world. I know You have a plan for each of us, too. Help us to trust You no matter what. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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