



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

The Greatest Gift
Jesus Is Born
Luke 2:1-7

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What are you excited about giving?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is the greatest gift.

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

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:

- Is it better to give someone something that already belongs to you or to go buy something brand new to give that person? *(Note: There is no right answer! This is simply to spark discussion and get kids to consider the sacrifice that may go into giving something away that belongs to them. Likewise, it takes thoughtfulness to pick out the perfect gift to purchase for someone.)*
- What's the greatest gift you've ever been given?
- What do you like about giving someone a gift?
- Why is Jesus the greatest gift to us?

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MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU
[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Prepared nativity scavenger hunt boxes, scrap paper, pens or pencils, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide kids into two teams and give each team a pen/pencil, scrap paper, and a Bible (or make sure each team has a phone or device to use for looking up passages.)
- On one end of the room or group space, place the two prepared shoe boxes. These are the “mangers.”
- Explain that kids will go on a scavenger hunt in their manger to find clues that they will solve with their team.
- When you say, “Go!” one player from each team will run to their mangers.
- They will search through the straw to find the card with “Clue #1” on it.
- That is their first clue. Once they find it, they can bring it back to their team.
- Teammates will work together to read the clue, look up the verse, and figure out the answer.
- Once they have written the answer to the first clue on their scrap paper, another person will run to the manger and search for the second clue.
- When they figure out the answer to the second clue, they write it on their scrap paper, right next to the word from the first clue.
- Repeat until every clue has been found and the sentence has been completed on the page.
- The first team to complete it wins.
- Have everyone read the answer to the scavenger hunt out loud together:
Jesus is the greatest gift!
- Use the following questions to engage kids in a discussion:
 - What does the gift of Jesus tell us about how much God loves us?
- Spend time letting kids discuss ways that they can remember all throughout the year, the greatest gift they’ve been given.
- Explain that Christmas time is always a reminder that Jesus is the greatest gift we’ve ever been given. The festivities and excitement of the Christmas season are such a special way to remember that. But the gift God gave us is so much more than just a season! It’s a gift that lasts forever.

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WEEK
THREE
DECEMBER 2022

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

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: White board, dry erase marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Spend time discussing with your group how difficult it can be to keep our focus on Jesus when there are so many distractions during the Christmas season.
- Ask kids to list some things that take their focus off of Jesus during Christmas. Write them on a white board.
- Remind kids that even though we know Jesus is the reason we celebrate, it's still very easy to let our focus drift to all the other stuff!
 - Assure them it's not bad to enjoy all the other parts of the celebration.
 - But it's so important that we remember that Jesus truly is the greatest gift of all!
- Pair kids up. Encourage them to spread out in your group space and spend time praying for each other. They can share prayer requests with one another. They can also pray that they will keep their focus on Jesus this Christmas by striving to be more like Him.

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