SMALL GROUP GUIDE K-3

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

The Christmas Story "Nativity"
Luke 2:1 -20 *NLRV*

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What are ways you can share the news of the greatest gift?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

The good news is for everyone.

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, NIrV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Christmas—Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

OPENING ACTIVITY:

Instruct that kid to whisper the lyrics into the ear of the person sitting next to them in line.

- Then that kid will whisper what they hear into the ear of the person sitting next to them.

- Continue on down the line until the message gets to the last kid. Ask the last kid to say what they heard out loud for everyone in the group to hear.
- If time allows, repeat until everyone has had a turn as the first in line to start the message.
- Have fun with your group, laughing about how the message might have changed as it carried from the first person in line to the last.
- Song lyric lines could include:
  - *"Oh, what fun it is to ride on a one horse open sleigh."*
  - *"Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies."*
  - *"Sing choirs of angels. Sing in exultation."*
  - *"Next year all our troubles will be miles away."*
  - *"Go tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere."*
  - *"A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices."*
  - *"He was made of snow, but the children know how he came to life one day."*
  - *"While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy."*
  - *"The stars in the sky looked down where He lay. The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay."*
  - *"A new born king to see, pa rum pum pum pum. Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum."*
  - *"Feliz navidad. Prospero año y felicidad."*

WHAT YOU SAY:
"That was a lot of fun! There are many different ways to deliver messages. In today's story, we will hear about a very important message that was delivered with a very specific purpose.

SMALL GROUP TIME:

Take this time to connect as a group and review the Christmas story we just heard. Give space for kids to ask questions and share what they learned today.

MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER:

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU SAY:
"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to us. There is no greater gift that we will ever receive! Help us to be brave and bold enough to tell others about You. Thank You for the super fun celebration that Christmas is. Keep our hearts focused on You throughout the day. In Jesus' name, Amen."