



## This is Jesus: The One We Need

**Bible Passage:** Luke 2:5-7; Isaiah 7:14

**Key Passage:** 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”(which means “God with us”). **Matthew 1:23**

**Big Picture Question:** What does Christmas teach us about who Jesus is? Jesus is God’s Son who was born, died, and rose again to give life to all who believe.

**Christ Connection:** Jesus was born to bring peace between us and God.

### 10 Minutes SOCIAL: SETTING THE TONE OF THE EXPERIENCE

#### Christmas Charades

**What You Need:** Christmas Charades Cards (1set per group), paper, pencil

#### What You Do:

- Choose a player to start the game. The player selects a card at random (without looking).
- The player pantomimes the word or phrase on the card he’s chosen to the other players – no speaking allowed!
- Some common action clues used in Charades include:
  - A song: Pretend to sing
  - A movie: Pretend to crank an old fashioned movie camera
  - TV show: Use index fingers to draw a small rectangle
  - A book: Pretend to read a book
  - Number of words: Hold up the number of fingers in the phrase. When acting out the first word, hold up one finger, then two fingers before the second, etc)
  - Sounds like: Tug your ear
  - Short word: Words like a, the, of, and can be indicated by closing the thumb and index finger of one hand together.
- The other players must watch carefully and call out their guesses. The first person to guess the correct word or phrase takes the next turn.
- *Optional:* Allocate points to each person for each correct guess. The person with the most points at the end of the game wins.
- Alternatively, divide into teams before playing. Each player takes turns pantomiming for their teammates. The first team to guess the word is allocated a point. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.

**What You Say** “How many did you get correct? Are you a Christmas expert? This month we are looking at all the details of the Christmas story from the Bible. Do you think you are an expert on that part of Christmas? Let’s see.”

### 10 Minutes Worship: CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING

#### SONGS, OFFERING AND PRAYER

### 15 Minutes LARGE GROUP: COMMUNICATING GOD’S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS

#### TODAY’S PASSAGE

5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. Luke 2:5-7

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

#### CONTEXT

It was no accident that Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger. His humble birth showed the type of life that He would live and the reason that He came. Jesus came to serve not to be served. He came to give His life for all who would believe in Him for life. The prophesy from Isaiah proves that Jesus is the one we are looking for and the one that we need. He is the Savior. He is God with us.

#### TODAY’S TAKEAWAYS

- Jesus’ humble birth shows that He came to serve, not to be served.
- Jesus came to give His life not to showcase His life.
- BL: Jesus was born to bring peace between us and God.
- When Mary gave birth, and laid the baby in the manger, she knew and we can know that God is with us.

Give kids a chance to believe in Jesus for the first time. Remind them that God loves them so much that He sent Jesus to earth to pay for their sins. Lead them to pray as you pray. Pray that believers will submit their lives to the Holy Spirit, follow Jesus, and tell others about Him.



## All Star Kids

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3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

### 25 Minutes **SMALL GROUPS**: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

#### Discussion Questions:

- To what city did Mary and Joseph travel? (Bethlehem, Luke 2:4)
- Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem? (To participate in a census)
- Where was Jesus born? (in a stable)
- What did Mary wrap Jesus in? (clothes)
- What was a manger used for? (Feeding trough for animals)
- Why would God want Jesus to be born like this? (Even where Jesus was born shows that he came to serve us.)

#### Activity: Play doh Cover Up

**What You Need:** Play Doh (1 small ball for each kid), Breaking News Story, Friendship Card, Christmas Candy (1 piece per kid)

#### What You Do:

- Lay out the Friendship Card in the center of the table.
- Give each kid a lump of play doh to keep in their hands.
- Say "I'm going to read our Breaking News Story to you. Every time you hear someone in the story doing something wrong, you'll take a piece of your play doh and press it onto the Friendship card."
- Read the story.
- As kids begin to respond to the wrong things, stop each time and discuss what wrong they heard, and Ask the group if they have ever done something like that.
- Ask kids why they think Elmer and Elvira needed a Savior, and discuss how we all need a Savior.
- Tell them that Jesus was born to be our Savior. As you tell them about Jesus, our Savior, remove pieces of play doh from the Friendship Card. Jesus FORGIVES (remove play dough); Jesus HEALS (remove play dough); Jesus GIVES New Life; (remove play dough); Jesus promises life in heaven with God (remove play dough); Jesus makes us friends with God (remove last piece of play dough).
- At the end of the story place all the play doh back in the container and give each kid a piece of candy.

#### What You Say: "

Jesus came so that we can have peace – friendship – with God. Sin messes things up between us and God, but Jesus was born, died, and rose again to make things right between us and God. If you believe in Jesus, you are God's friend and nothing can change that!

#### Activity: Memory Verse Activity

**What You Need:** Memory Verse Poster, Stocking, Memory Verse Activity Page (cut up and put in stocking)

#### What You Do:

- Put the words to the memory verse in the stocking.
- Pass the stocking around and get kid to pick one piece of paper out of the stocking.
- Then take turns putting the words in order.
- After all the words are in order on the table, get kids to say the verse with you out loud several times.

**What You Say** " Jesus came exactly the way God said he would come to do exactly what God had in mind, to rescue us and bring peace between man and God. This verse reminds us of the promise of how Jesus would be born as well as reminding us that Jesus was not just any man, He is God."

#### Pray and Dismiss:

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

#### What You Say:

"Lord God, thank you for Jesus. Thank you for helping us see how we do wrong and need you as our Savior. Help us to look for Jesus throughout Christmas and remember your promise and how you made a way for us to have a Savior."

### 5 Minutes **HOME**: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to talk to their family about how they can see that Jesus is exactly who we needed at the right place and time.