



This is Jesus: The One We Are Looking For

Bible Passage: Luke 2:1-4; Isaiah 9:6

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 Noise and Action Dice Game

What You Need: “Christmas Dice Game” printed and assembled

What You Do:

- To Play: Roll one dice and then the other and complete your wacky sound and action together at the same time... now try to do it without laughing!
- For variation you can team kids up with partners and they have to work together to do the action and sound.

What You Say “That was so much fun. Christmas is a fun time of year for many reasons. During our Bible lesson today we are going to learn more about what we celebrate when we celebrate Christmas.”

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

6 For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:6**

1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. **2** (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** And everyone went to their own town to register. **4** So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

Luke 2:1-4

Context

People had been waiting a long time for Jesus. God hinted at His coming in the garden of Eden when He promised a seed to conquer the serpent. The prophets told of His coming hundreds of years before His birth. God was working His plan to bring people back to Himself.

Facts about Messiah coming from Luke 1:30-33

- He has unqualified greatness
- He is God’s Son
- Is given King David’s throne
- Fulfillment of promise to David
- He rules over Israel
- His kingdom lasts forever

In today’s passage, we see important details that prove the Jesus is the one that we are looking for. It was prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. The census brought them from Nazareth to the very place the Old Testament said the Messiah would be born. It was also predicted that the Savior would come from the family line of David, which is line that Joseph was from. God left no detail uncovered when it comes to Jesus’ birth so that we would know that He, Jesus, is the one we are looking for.

Today’s Takeaways

- The Christmas story reminds us that God is in charge of all – look at all of the details that come together in the birth of Jesus!
- The Christmas story reminds us that God loves us – He sent His Son.
- **BL:** Jesus was born to bring peace between us and God.

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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Kinder- 2nd Grade

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

Discussion Questions:

- What is the best Christmas gift you have ever been given?
- What does God give to each of us at Christmas? (He gives His Son, Isaiah 9:6)
- Was Jesus' birth a normal birth? (No, He is God's Son)
- Why was Jesus born? (to rescue us from sin and to give life to all who believe.)
- How do we know that Jesus really is God's Son? (The Old Testament predicted His birth even down to the location-Bethlehem)

Activity: Scavenger Hunt

What You Need: "Scavenger Hunt List" (1 copy per kid), various items scattered around the room, a gift bag to collect items in

What You Do:

- Have kids take turns finding one of the objects on the list.
- Encourage and help those who get distracted.
- When you have collected all the items, have the kids sit in a circle and talk about what they found and how they think it fits the category.

What You Say: "Jesus was the promised Savior a long time before anyone knew to look for Him. Today we remember that God promised Jesus would come to earth all the way back in Genesis and the Garden of Eden. Then there were other specific things prophets told people to look for. When you were looking for items in our hunt today, did you know what to find? How? Just like the people of Israel knew to look for a Savior in Bethlehem who was to be born to King David's family, we know we can look and find the same Savior. Jesus is the one we are looking for."

Activity: Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster, balloons (1 per kid)

What You Do:

- Ask the kids if they recognize the memory verse.
- Give them chances to read the memory verse.
- Give each kid a balloon and ask them to blow it up. Tie the balloons for each kid.
- Kids are going to toss the balloons in the air and try to say all the words to the verse before the balloon touches the ground.
- Variation : Blow up one balloon and bat it around the small group as you say a word for each touch of the balloon.

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 sending Your Son as the Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Wonderful Counselor, and Everlasting Father. As we begin to celebrate Christmas, help us all to remember your promise and worship your Son. Amen."

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

As adults arrive to pick up, send the scavenger Hunt list home with kids and encourage them to talk to their family about the clues they heard this week to search for Jesus.