



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 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

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.

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)



All Star Kids

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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.
- At the end of the story place all the play doh back in the container and give each kid a piece of candy.
- Ask kids why they think Elmer and Elvira needed a Savior, and discuss how we all need a Savior.

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, 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 Jesus as a servant to help us know God better. Thank you for Christmas and the birth of our 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.