

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.

Leader Notes:

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 PASSAGES

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

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.

Worship & Story Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

Play the DVD of All Star Kids worship (choose 1 song for today)

What You Say: "Way to go! You are such amazing singers. Now let's sit down to learn from the Bible today."

What You Do: Introduce the story

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PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO

Check diapers and serve snack.

Activities

Depending on the size of your group, you may lead each activity two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in the activities. That's okay.

1. Build a manger

What You Need: boxes or blocks to build with (can wrap in Christmas wrap to make it festive), baby doll with blankets, animal masks

What You Do:

- Layout all the building supplies and ask kids to take turns helping build the manger (where Jesus slept)
- What is a manger exactly? (a feeding trough for animals) What does that look like at your house? Can you imagine putting your new baby in the dog's bowl?
- Have kids place the baby doll and blankets in the manger.
- Then pass out animal masks and have kids pretend they are the animals in the stable. How are they going to greet the baby?

What You Say "Jesus was born in a barn. Were you born in a barn? Do you think that is where other kings are born? How about Saviors, are they born in a barn? Jesus was born exactly like God said would happen to help us see that He came to serve us, not be served. If you wanted to serve people where could we find you? **Jesus was exactly the Savior we needed and need today.**"

2. Practice signing the Memory Verse

What you need: Memory Verse Poster

What You Do:

- Show the poster to the kids
- As you say the words point to them on the poster
- Create simple hand motions to teach toddlers the memory verse. Sample hand motions include "**The virgin** (act like you are flipping your hair or brushing long hair), **will conceive** (move hands in front of your belly like motioning a baby bump) **and give birth to a Son** (swaddle a baby and rock) **and they will call him Immanuel** (point to the ground, God with us)

Matthew 1:23

- Our memory verse tells us that Jesus was the promised Savior who came to live as a man on earth.

What You Say: Our Bible verse tells us that Jesus was the promised Savior who came to live as a man on earth. We needed Jesus to do this so that we can have peace with God. Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection allowed us to have life with God forever when we believe.

Pray and Dismiss:

What You need: no supplies needed

What You Do:

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- Pray- " God thank you for making a way for Jesus to be born in the stable with the animals. Thank you for sending a Savior that came to serve us. Help us all to see Jesus' birth as Good News that is for all people.

What You Say: Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session. Send home the animal masks and encourage kids to go home and act out the Christmas story with their families at home.