

December 3-4, 2016

DATE

Jesus is born.

LESSON TITLE

Luke 1-2

WHERE TO FIND IT

Celebrate Jesus' arrival!

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**First 10 minutes of the service hour:**

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

**Next 5 minutes:** Connect Time

**Next 25 minutes:** Large Group

**Last 25 minutes:** Snack and Small Group

## tips

Remember to ask kids if they need to use the bathroom *before* Large Group! And if somebody does have an accident? Just call the front desk or flag down someone with a radio—they can bring you a fresh set of clothes.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them why they have party hats, and whose birthday they celebrated!

## large group heads up

Today, we're going to hear the best news of all. The Rescuer we've been talking about all year...is here! This will prepare kids to celebrate His arrival this Christmas season!



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line up.
- While in line, tell the kids that they're going to hear a story about a **very special announcement**.
- Then practice "announcing" in silly ways! Lead kids in repeating/doing the following actions after you:
  - Turn around backwards and say, "I have an announcement!"
  - Stand on one foot and say, "I have an announcement!"
  - YELL, "I have an announcement!"
  - Sing, "I have an announcement!"
  - Dance and say, "I have an announcement!"
  - In a deep voice say, "I have an announcement!"
  - In a high-pitched voice say, "I have an announcement!"
  - Whisper, "I have an announcement!"

**As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind them that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!**



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) understand that Jesus, the Rescuer, was born and (2) recognize that Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birthday.

**Why?** As kids experience the Christmas season this year, we want them to remember why it exists in the first place.

**Tip:** Set the tone for your room's "party" by having as much energy as possible! Don't be afraid to be the biggest "kid" in the room.

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. Who did God's family have to wait for, for a long, long time? (The Rescuer!)
2. Who gave a special announcement to Mary? (The Angel.)
3. What did the angel announce? (He told Mary, "Jesus is coming!")
4. How did Jesus come into the world? (He was born as a baby.)
5. When do we celebrate Jesus' birthday? (On Christmas.)

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

- **Ask:** What kinds of things do we do to celebrate a birthday? (Let kids answer: sing, play games, eat cake, decorate, etc.) Can we celebrate Jesus' birthday? (Yes!)
- Give each kid a **party hat** and a **"Happy Birthday Jesus!" sticker**. Let kids put the stickers on their hats (or on themselves!).
- Sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus as a group! Then play some KC music on the CD player and celebrate some more.
- Here's some ideas to further celebrate Jesus while wearing their party hats:
  - Do a celebration parade, and lead kids around the room while doing funny dance moves.
  - Have kids make crazy noises/dances/walks when the lights are on, then STOP when the lights are off.
  - Play "Freeze Dance": kids have to dance and make noise when the music plays, but as soon as it stops, they have to FREEZE!

*Extra time? Do a **coloring page**. Then celebrate some more by making up a rhythm by tapping your hands on a table, and having kids try to copy you!*

## special notes

For the next few weeks, we'll be telling the Christmas story in lots of different ways, and from lots of different perspectives!

## presenter tips

Here's a link to today's video, God's Story / Christmas!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nk58bHnJLD4&feature=youtu.be>

## script

### WELCOME AND INTRO

**Main Goal:** Review the beginning of God's story and rescue plan.

**Notes:**

- **\*Click to play intro music.**
- **Say:** Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS.
- **Video: HOPS Share with others!**
- **Say:** (Holding up the **Bible**.) *This* is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible.") That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan. It shows us how He rescued us from all the wrong things in the world.
- **Say:** In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. He created the sun and the moon, the water and the land, the plants and the animals, and people like you and me! Everything was good. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)
- **Say:** But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve, and you and me, could be close to God again! Do you know who the Rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!)

## WAITING FOR THE RESCUER

**Main Goal:** Understand that God's family waited a long time for Rescuer to arrive.

**Notes:**

- **Loop: Ticking Clock (Let loop play as you pretend to "wait")**
- **Say:** Now people had to wait...and wait...and wait for the Rescuer. Let's all stand up and pretend to wait around. (Let kids stand.) Cross your arms (Let kids follow.) Tap your foot (Let kids follow.) Say "Arghhhh!" (Let kids follow.) Waiting is no fun! Let's all say, "When will the Rescuer be here?" (Let kids repeat after you.) Great job! Go ahead and have a seat (Let kids sit and click to stop the clock loop.)
- **Say:** God's special family had to wait like this too. But after waiting for a *really* long time, God sent an angel with a VERY special announcement.

## JESUS IS ANNOUNCED!

**Main Goal:** Review the main events leading up to Jesus birth, when an angel appeared to Mary!

**Notes:**

- **(Image: Angel)** This angel appeared to a woman named Mary! When Mary first saw the angel, she was pretty scared! She didn't expect to see an angel!
- **Say:** But the angel had GREAT news. He said, "Don't be afraid!" And then he made the great announcement that everyone had been waiting for! **(Use the megaphone for the big announcement.)**
- **Say** The angel told Mary: "Jesus, the Rescuer, is coming!" Can you guys say that altogether? Ready? 1-2-3: "JESUS IS COMING!" Good job! It was pretty cool, because Mary got to be his mother! He was going to be born to her.
- **Say:** So...the Rescuer was almost there...and everybody was so excited! Let's all jump for joy! (Let kids stand up and jump for joy.) Great job! OK, sit down again and let's watch a video to learn more about how Jesus arrived! As you watch, try to figure out how He comes to the world!
- **Video: God's Story / Christmas**
- **Ask:** So how did Jesus come into the world? (Let kids respond.)
- **(Image: Jesus in the manger.)** Yep, he was born as a little baby! Let's all pretend to rock a baby back and forth. (Let kids respond.) Good job!
- **Say:** The angel's announcement was TRUE: the Rescuer was on his way. And normally, angels don't announce babies, so Mary knew her baby would be the Rescuer of the whole world. She knew this baby would be very, very special.

### CELEBRATE JESUS!

**Main Goal:** Recognize how we can celebrate Jesus birthday at Christmas!

- **(Loop: Birthday Candles.)** Now what do we call the special day that we're born? (Let kids respond.) Yeah! It's your birthday! That means that when Jesus was born, it was HIS birthday.
- **Ask:** Does anybody know the special day when we celebrate Jesus' birthday, when he was born as our Rescuer? (Let kids respond.) Yes, Christmas! And we get to celebrate it every single year.
- **Say:** I am so excited that we get to celebrate Jesus, are you? (Let kids respond.) Let's all yell, "Woohoo!" (Let kids respond.)

### WRAP UP AND WORSHIP

**Main Goal:** Help kids interact through prayer and worship!

- **Pray (Breaking it into small, repeatable phrases):** God, we're so glad you sent us our Rescuer, Jesus. We love you so much. Help us remember why we have Christmas!
- **Set up worship:** My favorite way to celebrate Jesus is to sing songs and dance! Everybody stand up, and let's sing about how our Rescuer came to the world to save us.
- **Music Video: Be Strong Take Courage**
- **Song: King of the Jungle**
- **Song: Deep and Wide**

*Dismiss kids to their rooms.*

# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

“Announcement” game - no supplies needed

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## small group supplies

**Per group:** Bible, markers

**Per kid:** Coloring page

1 party hat (Discount Party Supplies: Product ID: hat90913;  
<http://www.discountpartysupplies.com/party-items/party-hats/red-party-hats.html>)

1 “Happy Birthday Jesus!” sticker (Avery 5294, color, page 9)

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## large group supplies

**Per Group:** Bible, 1 plastic megaphone

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## a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS: Share with others! (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDmSL17dhOI&feature=youtu.be>)
3. Loop: Ticking Clock (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NVTGGBLyU5I>)
4. Image: Angel
5. Video: God’s Story / Christmas (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nk58bHnJLD4&feature=youtu.be>)
6. Image: Jesus in the manger
7. Loop: Birthday Candles (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=To6qglVhx2M>)
8. Music Video: Be Strong Take Courage (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yx5pCwTjB2Y&feature=youtu.be>)
9. Song: King of the Jungle (KC/SM media videos songs>songs>songs with slides)
10. Song: Deep and Wide (KC/SM media videos songs>songs>songs with slides)

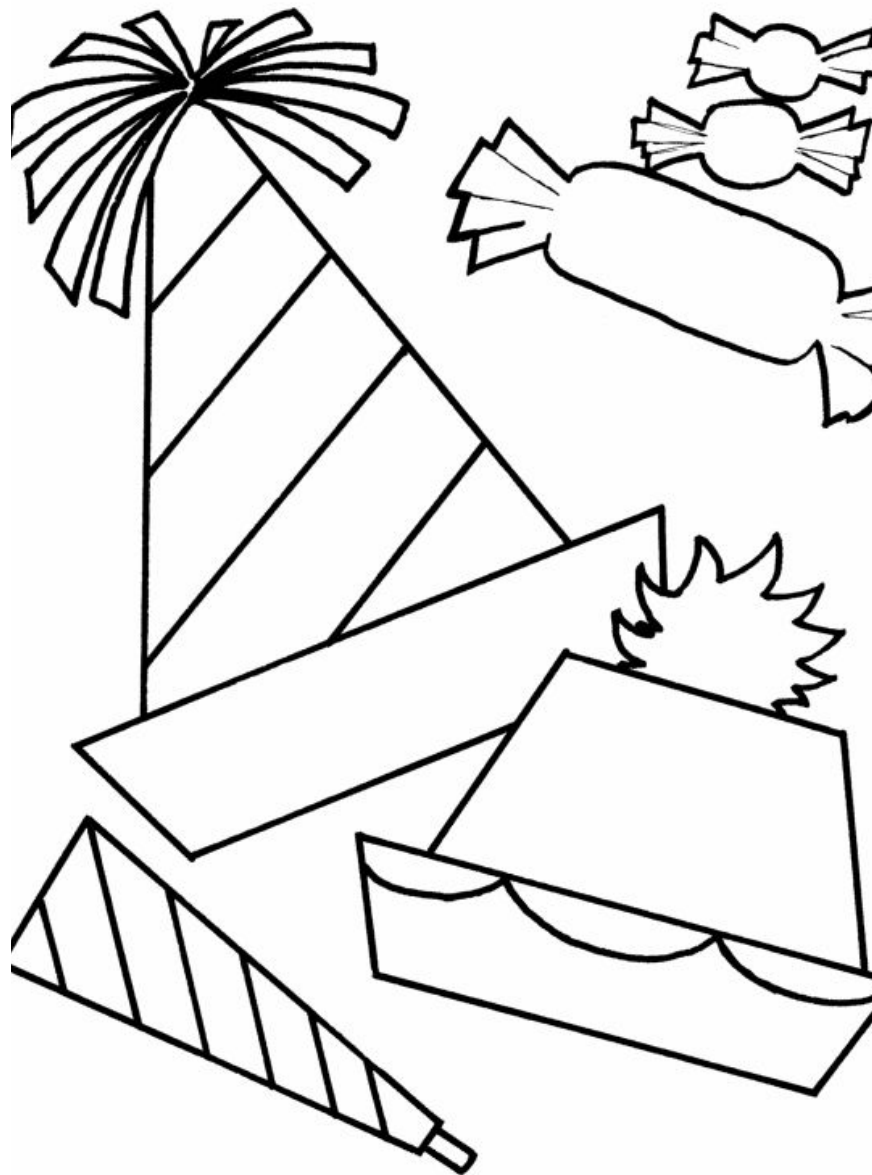
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## connect questions

Tell me about the Rescuer. Why do we celebrate Jesus’ birth?

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