



Kindergarten-2nd

December 10-11, 2016

DATE

Jesus is born.

LESSON TITLE

Luke 1-2, Isaiah 9:6

WHERE TO FIND IT

The Rescuer arrives!

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.
Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.
Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you all have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

We're talking about the story of Christmas. As kids come in, ask them what they know about Christmas. You can spark discussions with questions like: Why do we celebrate Christmas? What have you heard about the Christmas story? (If they've never heard about Jesus, just ask them what about Christmas makes them most excited!)

check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them why they celebrated a birthday today!

large group heads up

We're talking about the Christmas story and how Jesus came to be with us. In fact, one of his names was Immanuel, which means "God with us."



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

CHRISTMAS COSTUMES

Play Christmas music on the **keynote for this activity.*

- Split kids into **small groups**.
- Give each group a **roll of green streamers**, a **roll of tape**, and a **bin** full of the following materials:
 - **24 paper ornaments**
 - **5 pieces of ribbon**
 - **1 star**
- Each group must choose one person to be the “tree” and the rest of the kids will be the tree decorators.
- When the leader starts the **music**, each group gets to start wrapping/taping/hanging the materials on the tree in any way they want! Encourage kids to get creative as they try and figure out how to make a person look like a tree!
- Leaders should help make sure all the kids get turns to help decorate.
- Click to play music and let kids go! Once the music is over, give kids a 10 second countdown to finish. Then go to each group and let them show off their “tree!” (Don’t forget to collect and discard the materials.)
- *Younger kids may need an adult to hold the tape and help them hang the ornaments. You could also just give them green streamers to make someone look like a “pine tree”!

TALK ABOUT IT

- What’s your favorite Christmas memory?
- What do you usually do on Christmas day?

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader’s instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth, and part of God's ultimate rescue plan, (2) recognize why Jesus was born in a humble way and (3) celebrate Jesus' birth!

Why? It's important to recognize that the story of Jesus' birth is like no other—he truly is the Rescuer!

Tip: Make sure to have an upbeat, excited attitude, because it's time to celebrate!

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Who announced Jesus' birth to Mary? (Angels.)
2. Who else did the angels tell? (The shepherds.)
3. Where was Jesus born? (Outside near animals; in a manger.)
4. Why was Jesus born as a baby outside, instead of like a king? (God does things differently! He wanted Jesus to be like us and experience life as we do; Jesus was not a "regular" king.)
5. What does "Immanuel" mean? (God with us.)
6. How will you celebrate Jesus' birthday this month? What can you do to remember the MAIN reason for the season?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Tell kids that it's Jesus' birthday, so we're going to celebrate! First, we'll all sign a birthday card to Jesus. Get out the **posterboard, markers, and party hats**.
 - Fold the poster in half and write "Happy Birthday Jesus!" on the front.
 - Open it up and let each kid write their name inside, along with any other messages, pictures or decorations they want to draw!
- After the birthday card is finished, hand each kid a party hat and **sing** "Happy Birthday" to Jesus as a group! (They can take the hats home with them.)
- If there's time, play some "party games" as if you were at a real party:
 - Charades: Have kids act out different "birthday" things, like eating cake, opening presents, singing, playing games, throwing confetti, blowing up balloons, etc. Let the other kids guess what's being acted out!
 - Simon Says: Tell kids to do some funny actions, but they should only do it if you say, "Simon Says" first!

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Extra time? Do a coloring sheet. Then, let kids draw a giant Christmas tree on a large sheet of tear off paper, and decorate it together with markers!

special notes

It's Jesus' birthday, so it's time to be excited and overjoyed! Set the tone for the room by having showing kids how excited it makes YOU that we get to celebrate Jesus' birth!

presenter tips

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

<https://vimeo.com/70354897>

script

WELCOME AND INTRO

Main Goal: Review Connect Time and introduce the lesson.

Notes:

**Click to play intro music.*

- **Welcome:** Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. We're so glad to have you here! You did a fabulous job decorating your Christmas trees. Let's give a hand to everybody who volunteered to turn into a tree! (Let kids respond.) Now let's look at another type of human Christmas tree...
- **(Image: Human Christmas Tree)** Woah! Can you tell what this is? It's a giant tree made up hundreds of people!
- **Say:** Trees are just one way that we celebrate Christmas in a fun way. But remind me...what's the REASON we celebrate Christmas? (Let kids respond.) Yes, it's when we celebrate the day Jesus was born!
- **Say:** A long time before Jesus was born, God had promised his people that a Rescuer would come and save them. And who was the Rescuer? (Let kids respond.) Yes, Jesus!
- **Say:** When Jesus was born, I bet people were so overjoyed and happy! Can you all show me your happiest, most excited face? (Let kids respond.) Very nice! Let's watch a video and see some other people who are REALLY excited!
- **Video: How Disney Characters Feel About the Holidays**
- **Ask:** Do you guys think that's how excited we should be for Jesus? (Let kids respond.) Absolutely! And when we're excited about something, do we tell other people about it? (Let kids respond.) Of course!

A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

Main Goal: Compare and contrast the ways famous royalty is announced, and the way Jesus birth' was announced.

Notes:

- **Ask:** When people were waiting for Jesus, they expected a big, huge announcement, like the kind you give for a king! Can I have a volunteer come up here who wants to help me give a special announcement? (Pick one kid to come up.)
- **Say:** Okay, are you ready to pretend like you're announcing a famous king? Then say what I whisper to you, but do it as loud and fancy as you can! (Whisper to the kid in short, repeatable phrases and let them repeat: *"Here ye, here ye—I announce to you— that a king is born!"*)
- **Say:** Great job! You can have a seat. Now let's look at a clip from the movie The Lion King, where the lion king and queen have just had a baby boy, and it's a pretty big deal. Let's see how they announce it!
- **Video: The Circle of Life**
- **Say:** Woah! They made a HUGE deal out of their son being born, didn't they? In fact, the whole animal kingdom showed up, and bowed down to him!
- **Ask:** Is that what it was like when Jesus was born? (Let kids respond.) No, it was pretty different. There wasn't a whole kingdom bowing down to him, and he wasn't in a special place where everyone could see.

JESUS IS BORN!

Main Goal: Introduce the strange way Jesus came into the world!

Notes:

- **Say:** When Jesus arrived, it was different than everyone thought it would be, and it was announced in a pretty strange way too! Let's watch a video about Jesus' birth, and as you watch, pay attention to what it's like when he's born.
- **Video: God's Story / Christmas**
- **Ask:** Was Jesus born in a palace? (Let kids respond.) Nope. Was he announced to the whole kingdom all at once? (Let kids respond.) Okay, then what was it actually like when he was born? (Let kids respond.) Yep, he was born outside with smelly animals, and there weren't very many people around.
- **Ask:** Why do you think Jesus was born this way? Why didn't God send him as a powerful king with lots of attention? (Let kids respond/speculate.) Great answers!
- **Say:** Here's the thing: even though Jesus is our King, and he was the Rescuer that everyone had been waiting for, God doesn't do things the way WE do things. God does things differently, because Jesus isn't like any other king in the world.

GOD DOES THINGS DIFFERENTLY

Main Goal: Understand why Jesus was born in a lowly way, and why he was different than regular kings!

Notes:

- **Ask:** Do you guys know what humble means? (Let kids respond.) It means you don't try to make yourself seem really important or cool, or tell everyone how awesome you are. And that's how God introduced Jesus.
- **(Image: Nativity.)** He was born in humble a way, to a humble woman named Mary. When he entered the world for the first time, he wasn't in the cleanest place, but it was the only place Mary and Joseph could find that night!
- **Ask:** Remember how the angels announced Jesus to a group of people? Who were they? (Let kids respond.)
- **(Image: Shepherds)** Yeah, the shepherds! Shepherds take care of sheep out in the fields, and they weren't cool or famous. But God chose THEM to hear about Jesus first!
- **Say:** When Jesus grew up, he did things differently too. He put other people before himself, and even died for us, even though we deserve to be punished for our wrong choices. No one had ever heard of a king doing that. Not until Jesus!

IMMANUEL

Main Goal: Understand why we call Jesus, "immanuel."

- **Say:** There's another name the Bible gives Jesus. It's "Immanuel." Has anybody heard that name before? (Let kids respond.) Let's take some guesses as to what it means. I'm going to list some options, and you can raise your hand to tell me which one you think it is.
- **(Slide: Immanuel)** Is it...
 - Almighty God
 - God with us
 - Everlasting Father
- **(Slide: God with us.)** The answer is... "God with us"! That's a pretty perfect name to describe Jesus, isn't it?
- **Say:** Immanuel is a perfect name because Jesus is God's son, which means he's God too. So when Jesus was born into the world, it was like God himself had come down to be with us!
- **Say:** Think of it like this. Can you imagine if a regular king went and lived with the poorest people in his kingdom, maybe out on a farm with the shepherds? (Let kids respond.) No way! I've never heard of that happening. But that's basically what Jesus did for us.

RESPONSE TIME

Main Goal: Give kids a chance to actively respond to what they've heard today.

- **Say:** Let's take a moment to think about how Jesus was willing to be born as a baby and grow up like us, all in order to rescue us. Let's think about how he was God's very own son, willing to be a human and get sick and tired and hurt, even made fun of, just to be with us.
- **Say:** We're going to listen to a song called "Silent Night", and it's all about the night Jesus was born. As we listen and watch, tell Jesus how thankful you are that he came to the world to rescue you.
- **Song: Silent Night (1 min)**
- **Say:** No matter what's going on this Christmas, Jesus came to rescue us, so let's focus on Him and his goodness today! It's Jesus' birthday, so it's time to celebrate!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Close the lesson with prayer and worship.

- **Pray:** God, you are an amazing father. Thank you for sending Jesus to us, and for rescuing us. We love you so much, and please help us to remember the main reason for Christmas!
- **Say:** We've got some more worship songs, so everybody stand up and watch, listen and dance along if you want! (If you want, encourage kids to clap/stomp to the beat if they don't want to dance.)
- **Music Video: Born is the King (It's Christmas!)**
- **Music Video: Be Strong Take Courage**

PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per small group: 1 roll of green streamers (OT: IN-70/59), 24 paper ornaments (color, 6 per 8.5x11 page, page 11), 5 pieces of ribbon (Party City: SKU: 70175; each piece 5 feet long), 1 star (color, 1 per 8.5x11 page, page 12), 1 roll of tape, 1 bin

small group supplies

Per group: 1 posterboard (Staples: 28x22 White Poster Board), markers

Per kid: coloring page, 1 red party hat (Discount Party Supplies:;
<http://www.discountpartysupplies.com/party-items/party-hats/red-party-hats.html>) or www.shindigz.com

large group supplies

Per Group: Bible

Per kid: none

a/v needs

*Make AV #2 and #3 play automatically, so no clicking is needed.

1. Song: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFtb3EtjEic>)
2. Song: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xNuUEnh2g>)
3. Song: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0byH9h1CIBY>)
4. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
5. Image: Human Christmas Tree
6. Video: How Disney Characters Feel About the Holidays (0:00-1:07; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7IZ_kwfobE)
7. Video: The Circle of Life 1:34-3:45; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwSKkKrUzUk>)
8. Video: God's Story / Christmas (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nk58bHnJLD4&feature=youtu.be>)
9. Image: Nativity
10. Image: Shepherds
11. Slide: "Immanuel is..."
 - a. Almighty God
 - b. God with us
 - c. Everlasting Father
12. Slide: "God with us."
13. Song: Silent Night (0:00-1:14; <https://www.crossroads.net/media/5846/Silent-Night>; covered w/this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_1y8RrSyog; only need 0:00-4:00)
14. Music Video: Born is the King (It's Christmas!)(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qf6OoAZbAQg>)
15. Be Strong Take Courage (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yx5pCwTjB2Y&feature=youtu.be>)

connect questions

Tell me about Jesus' birth.

How did people know Jesus was coming?

name



ornaments

