



Kindergarten-2nd

December 9-10, 2017

DATE

Jesus is born.

LESSON TITLE

Luke 1-2

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.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

- 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 **poster, 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!
- 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!
- Have kids leave their hats in their small group area (they'll take them home later).

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.

special notes

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

presenter tips

Here's a link to today's video:

Video: God's Story / Jesus is Born
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrOBJo6LNfw&t=1s>)

script

WELCOME AND INTRO

Main Goal: Review Connect Time and introduce the lesson.

Notes:

***Click to play intro music.**

- **Say:** Hey everyone, welcome to Kids Club. We are so glad that you are here today. This month is a very special month for us. Does anyone know why? (Let kids respond.) Yes, you are absolutely right, it's CHRISTMAS!!!
- **Say:** Today we are going to talk about how EXCITED people were for Jesus to be born, because they had been waiting sooooo long.
- **Ask:** Has anyone ever had to wait for someone to be born, maybe a sibling? (Let kids respond.) Was it exciting? (Let kids respond.) Did it get more and more exciting the closer it got for that baby to be born? (Let kids respond.)
- **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!

EXCITED FOR JESUS

Main Goal: Explain all the characters of the Christmas Story.

- **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 guys! When people were waiting for Jesus, they expected a big, huge, grand announcement! But instead, they got something very different.

GOD'S GREATEST GIFT TO US

Main Goal: Review the God's Story Video.

- **Say:** When Jesus arrived, it was in a pretty unexpected way. 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, as told by some funny kids. See if you can tell who else was REALLY excited for the birth of Jesus, and how it was announced.
- **Video: Christmas According to Kids**
- **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.
- **Say:** Who was excited about the birth of Jesus in that video? (Wisemen, Shepherds, Joseph, Mary). People in God's family had been waiting for hundreds of years for God to send the rescuer. As excited as all the people in the Christmas story were to have Jesus born, there was someone who was more excited than all of them put together. Can you guess who it was? (Let kids respond.) It was GOD!
- **Say:** How many of you look forward to presents for Christmas? Well God LOVES to give us gifts, and Jesus was the best gift he could think of. Jesus came to be the rescuer, to forgive us for all the wrong choices that we make. He wanted to show us how much God loves us, and teach us how to trust him.

A SPECIAL KING

Main Goal: Jesus was no ordinary king!

- **Say:** Let's watch one more video about the birth of Jesus and all the people who were excited to meet him. As you watch, see how many of them you can remember, and how they celebrated Jesus' birth.
- **Video: God's Story / Jesus is Born**
- **Say:** Just like in the Christmas story, we have the choice to be excited about Jesus or not. We can choose to follow him, seek him, and worship him too.
- **Ask:** How can we show Jesus that we are excited about his birth? (Let kids respond.) Great ideas! We can show it by telling others about him, celebrating and worshipping him, and even by serving others.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Close the lesson with prayer and worship.

- **Say:** Jesus was no ordinary baby. He was the rescuer, the king, that God had been promising for sooooo long. And he came to us....as a baby.
- **Say:** 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. Jesus was willing to be born as a baby and grow up like us, all in order to rescue us.
- **Say:** Let's pray, and tell God how glad and excited we are that he sent his son to do that for us.
- **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:** Now it's time to celebrate! This is a chance to show God that we want to be close to him, just like he wants to be close to us.
- **Music Video: Noel**
- **Music Video: Everything Belongs to God**



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. Where was Jesus born? (Outside near animals; in a manger.)
3. 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.)
4. How will you celebrate Jesus' birthday this month? What can you do to remember the MAIN reason for the season?
5. What's your favorite part of Christmas?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

**Paper plates need to be cut in half for today's activity. See next page for an example image of the craft.*

- Let kids put their party hats on again (and let them take them home).
- Tell kids we are going to create a manger for Jesus, like the one he was born in! And then we will add some gifts, just like the wise men gave to him.
- Give each kid a **half of a paper plate** (you can cut these in half as you hand them out to kids if need be).
- Let them color it and decorate it in any way they want with **markers**.
- Give each kid a **gift image** with present images at the bottom. Have them color the gifts.
- Glue the manger on the round edge of the plate and attach it to the page with gift images on it (kids can use both **glue sticks** and **tape** if needed).
 - It will work best if you have the "bottom" flat part of the plate glued against the paper.

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Extra time? Do a coloring page or play Pictionary. Divide kids into 2 teams. Let each team take turns sending a drawer up to the large paper roll. Whisper Christmas themed words into their ears and let their teams guess what they are drawing. Here are some ideas:

- Manger
- Star
- Christmas Tree
- Wisemen
- Shepherds
- Angel
- Baby



connect questions

Tell me about Jesus' birth.

How did people know Jesus was coming?

lesson supplies

Connect Time			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Poster board	1 per small group	Staples, Item #506840	KC National
Markers	1 set per group, reused		site
Party hat	1 per kid	Discount Party Supplies, Item #hat90913	KC National

Large Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Adventure Bible for Early Readers	1 per large group, reused	Biblesbythe Case.com	site

Small Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Coloring Page - Mary and Jesus	1 per kid	Page 9, white paper, black & white	site
Markers	1 set per group, reused		site
Glue sticks	1 set per group, reused		site
Tape	3 rolls per small group, reused	Staples, Item #483534	site
½ Paper plate	½ paper plate per kid	Sam's Club, Item #787589	KC National to provide item, site to cut
Gift Page	1 per kid	8.5x11 cardstock, black&white, Page 10	site
Scissors	1 set per group, reused		site

name



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Tell me about the wise men.

Why were they excited about Jesus?

Read more about this week's story in the book of Luke 1-2.

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**And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.
Luke 2:12**



A/V needs

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1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: How Disney Characters Feel About the Holidays (0:00-1:07; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7IZ_kwfobE)
3. Video: Christmas According to Kids (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suowe2czxcA>)
4. Video: God's Story / Jesus is Born (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrOBJo6LNfw&t=1s>)
5. Music Video: Noel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPu-xLnUh4k>)
6. Music Video: Everything Belongs to God (<https://vimeo.com/222734076>)