

3rd-5th

Nov 30-Dec 1, 2019

NEED TO KNOW

- We'll be doing Christmas lessons during the whole month of December! Each week focuses on a different aspect of the Christmas story.

LARGE GROUP | 15 Minutes

- Big idea: **Jesus is the best gift ever.**
- Story: **Wise Men**
- Scripture: **Matthew 2:1-12**

GAME TIME | 10 Minutes

- Play a gift unwrapping game!

COOL DOWN | 10 Minutes

- Play with a Christmas themed deck of game cards.

LARGE GROUP | 15 Minutes

- Review the big idea, main verse and worship.

SMALL GROUP | 15+ Minutes

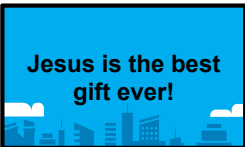
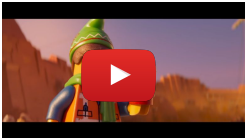
- Create an Advent game board!

CONNECT | 5 Minutes

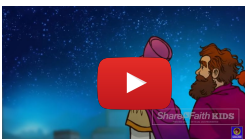


- Break into small groups and put up today's **Connect Question Timer** on the screen. Go around let each kid say their **name** and **your favorite Christmas movie**. Then discuss the connect question until the timer's up.
- **Connect Question: What's the best gift you ever received?**

THE BIG IDEA | 5 Minutes



- **Say:** Welcome to Kids' Club, we're so glad you're here! We want this to be a **safe** and **fun** place for you. To do that, let's all commit to doing a few things:
 - Show respect to each other
 - Listen when someone else is speaking
 - Have fun!
- **Say:** This month, we're celebrating Christmas in all kinds of fun ways, and we're celebrating because it's Jesus' birthday! Let's start with a fun movie clip about a crazy Lego Christmas party!
- **Video: [Lego Movie 2 / Emmet's Holiday Party](#)**
- **Say:** Let's take a look at today's BIG IDEA:
- **Slide: Jesus is the best gift ever!**
- **Say:** To set up today's part of the Christmas story, and how Jesus is the best gift we've ever received, let's hear a few facts:
 - **God prepared people for Jesus.** For hundreds and hundreds of years, God actually *told* people what Jesus would be like, and even the specific town he would be born in: Bethlehem!
 - **The Wise Men.** Around the time Jesus was born, there were three wise men. We call them "wise" because they knew a LOT about science, space, and the world around them. They studied the movements of stars and planets, and were very intelligent.
 - **God sent a sign.** In the book of Matthew, it says that the wise men saw "a star in the "east", and they knew it meant something very special: that the long-promised king had finally arrived!
- **Say:** Let's check out a video and see what happened on the wise men's journey to find Jesus. As you watch, see how these men risk their lives just so they can worship Jesus, the greatest gift we've EVER received.
- **Video: [Share Faith Kids / The Wise Men](#)**
- **Say:** Can you imagine wanting to see Jesus and worship him SO much that you traveled and walked over mountains and across deserts for months? Well that's what the wise men did. They actually risked their lives, and even disobeyed King Herod because they wanted to protect the greatest gift God has ever given us—Jesus.
- **Say:** Today, we're going to celebrate Jesus just like those wise men did! We're going to recognize him as the king and rescuer who came here to Earth to do something no one else could ever do: he took the punishment for all our wrong choices. He took our place, died, and rose from the dead. And because of that, we get to have a relationship with God, and never be separated from him again.



LARGE
GROUP

GAME
TIME

COOL
DOWN

LARGE
GROUP

SMALL
GROUP

SUPPLIES

- Box filled with candy canes (1 box per group, containing 1 candy cane for each kid)
- Roll of wrapping paper (1 per group)
- Roll of ribbon (1 per group)
- Roll of tape (1 per group)
- Scissors

PREPARE



10:00

- Start the **10 Minute Countdown Timer**
- Split into **small groups**.
- **BEFORE THE SERVICE STARTS:** Fill gift boxes with candy canes (enough for each kid in a small group)

UNWRAP THE GIFT! | 10 Minutes

This gift-unwrapping game has two parts!

- **5 minutes:** Give each group a roll of **wrapping paper, a roll of ribbon, a roll of tape and scissors and a CLOSED box of candy canes (you don't want kids to know what's in the box yet)**. Each group should work together to fully wrap the present. There should be lots of layers and lots of ribbon—another group will be unwrapping it, and you want it to be difficult to unwrap!
- **5 minutes:** Have groups trade gifts. Each group should sit in a circle and pass the gift around while the music video plays. **PAUSE** every 10-20 seconds, and whenever you pause, the person with the gift gets to unwrap part of the gift until the music starts up again (make sure to only pause for a few seconds each time!)
- Make sure to give each group time at the end to fully unwrap their gift (if they haven't already) and get the candy inside!



SUPPLIES

- Game cards (16 per group)

PREPARE



- Start the **10-minute countdown timer**.
- Split into **small groups**.

CHRISTMAS DECK | 10 Minutes

- Shuffle up the **16 game cards**, then lay them on the floor (all should be gift and tree side side **up**).
- Let each kid take a turn picking up a card.
 - If they get a “gift” card, they have to answer the question on the card.
 - If they get a “tree” card, they have to do whatever command the card says.
- When a kid picks up their card, they should keep it until the end of cool down time.
- If you have a very small group, kids can take multiple turns. If you have more than 16 kids, reuse some of the existing cards.
- When you’re done, collect all the cards to be reused for the next service.

THE BIG IDEA | 5 Minutes



2 Corinthians 9:15
Give thanks to
God for his
incredible gift!

Play the 10-Second Countdown to redirect kids attention to Large Group.

- **Say:** Let's check out a video of a special character who wants to be generous and give gifts to others for Christmas, just as God gave the best gift ever to us! Things don't go exactly as planned though...
- **Video: Generous Rex**
- **Say:** Giving gifts is a big part of Christmas, and it's pretty fun, right? But here's the thing: no matter what cool gifts we want, or what we get other people, or what others get for us, Jesus will ALWAYS be the greatest gift we've ever received. Nothing can ever beat him!
- **Say:** Why do you think Jesus is the greatest gift ever? (Let kids respond.) It's because God sent him to rescue us from all the wrong things in the world. Jesus came here to make things right. He healed people and did amazing miracles. He served people, even though HE'S the king! Jesus is the greatest gift we could ever get.
- **Say:** Here's a special verse we'll be hearing this month. It's from a book of the Bible called "Corinthians", and it was originally a letter that Paul wrote to a church full of people who needed encouragement! Let's check it out.
- **Slide: 2 Corinthians 9:15 / Give thanks to God for his indescribable gift!**

WORSHIP AND RESPOND | 5 Minutes



- **Say:** Let's worship Jesus with a special song called "Oh Come All Ye Faithful". In this music video, the whole song is created with ONLY people's singing voices, NO musical instruments! Remember, when we worship, God is here with us, listening to our words! So give all your focus and attention to him.
- **Music Video: Oh Come All Ye Faithful (No Motions)**
 - **Special note: If you have third graders who like to do motions, you can choose to the following music video instead.*
 - **Music Video: Noel (Motions)**
- **Pray:** Jesus, you are the greatest gift we could ever receive. You are our rescuer, and we give you all our praise and celebration, just like the wise men did. Amen!

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SUPPLIES

- Advent game board (1 per kid)
- Game piece template (1 per kid)
- Snowflake/Christmas Stickers (3 stickers per kid)
- Scissors
- Markers
- Glue sticks
- White paper (1 piece per kid)

KNOW IT | 5 minutes

- How did God speak to the magi/wise men? How did they worship Jesus?
- What gifts did the wise men bring? What might those gifts be if the wise men were around today?
- Imagine you're one of the wise men: If you were giving a gift to Jesus, what would you give him?
- What does it mean to worship Jesus? What are some ways we can worship Jesus? (*Here are some hints to help kids think of things: spend time with just him, pray, sing, dance, give gifts, bow, tell Jesus why we love him, read the Bible, obey/follow him, help others, thank him, etc.*)
- What is something you would travel really far, and even risk your life, to find?
- **Say:** If you would go to great lengths to do THAT, Jesus and what he offers you will blow your mind! He wants to fill our lives with wonder, excitement, and amazing blessings. He wants to actually rescue us, and help us be close to God!

DO IT | 5 Minutes

Let's create a Christmas advent game board. Advent is a special way to prepare for Christmas and celebrate throughout the whole month!

- Take this game board home and set it somewhere you can see everyday.
 - Each space represents a day of December.
 - Each day of December, move a game piece to the corresponding day.
 - Do what's in that space!
- Give each kid a **game board and game piece template**. Set out **markers, scissors and glue sticks**.
 - Let kids create their game piece by coloring it and cutting it out. Then fold along the lines in between the characters to make a triangular shape. Glue it together along the "flap". Now it can stand up on it's own!
 - They can cut out the game pieces and fold along the dotted line to make them "stand up".
- Since the game board won't take long to "make", give kids **white paper** and **3 Christmas stickers**. They can either put the stickers on their Advent game board, or they can use them to create a Christmas card with the white paper.



EXTRA TIME?

- Give kids a **maze, or a word-search activity sheet** to work on until their parents pick them up.



connect questions

Big Idea: Jesus is the best gift ever.

Kids will be eating candy canes today. Notify a volunteer if there are any allergies.

lesson supplies

LARGE GROUP

Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Adventure Bible	1 per large group, reused	Biblesbythe Case.com	site

GAME TIME | Played in small groups

Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Gift box	1 per group	Dollar Tree	KC Site Support
Candy Canes	1 per kid	Oriental Trading	KC Site Support
Roll of wrapping paper	1 per group	Dollar Tree	KC Site Support
Roll of ribbon	1 per group, reused	Amazon	KC Site Support
Scotch Tape	1 roll per group, reused		site
Scissors	Quantity determined by site.		site

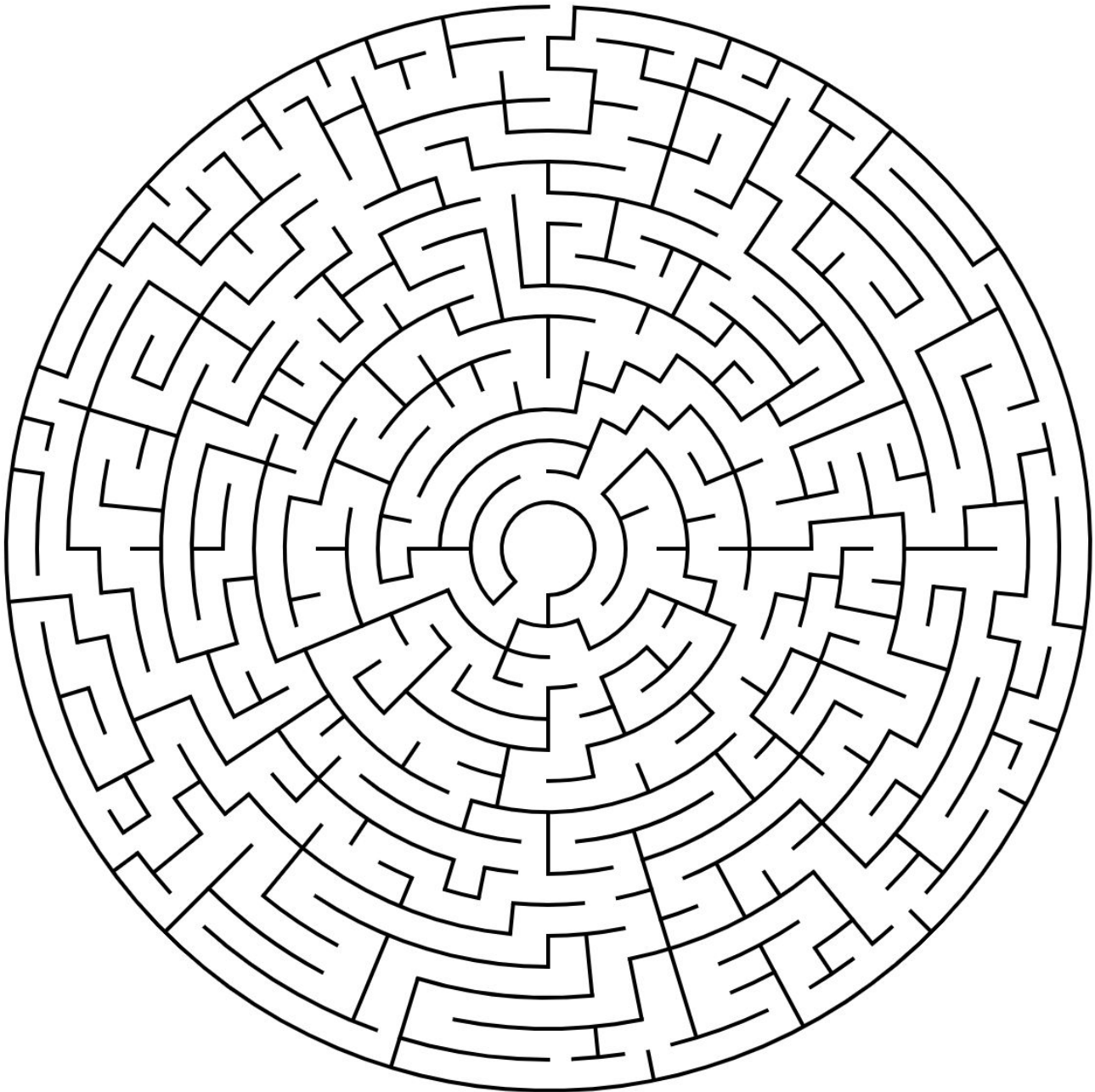
COOL DOWN TIME | Played in small groups

Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Game cards	Set of 16 per small group, reused	8.5x11 cardstock, color, cut into quarter sheets, double sided, Pages 10-17	site

SMALL GROUP

Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Maze sheet/ Word Search - Wise Men	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 8 / 9	site
Markers/Scissors/Glue sticks	Quantity determined by site.		site
Advent game board	1 per kid		Delivered directly to site from vendor
Game piece template	1 per kid	8.5x11 cardstock, black & white, cut into quarter sheets, Page 18	site
Snowflake/Christmas Stickers	3 per kid	Oriental Trading	KC Site Support
White paper	1 piece per kid	8.5x11 white copy paper	site

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CHRISTMAS
JESUS
WISE
MEN
MAGI
STAR
HEROD
TRAVEL
DREAM
MARY
JOSEPH

**How did the wise men
find Jesus?**

**Why did the wise men
give gifts to Jesus?**

**What's one of the best
gifts you've ever
received?**

**Why didn't the wise men
return to king Herod?**



What gift would you give to Jesus, if you were one of the wise men?

What's one way you can worship Jesus this Christmas?

How did God speak to the wise men?

What's your favorite part of Christmas?



**Act it out: Turn yourself
into a candy cane!**

**Act it out: Turn yourself
into star!**

**Pick one person in the
group to sing “Rudolph
the Red Nosed Reindeer”
with you (or just sing as
much as you can
remember!)**

**Pick two people to be
“wise men” with you. Act
out their story (or just
one part of the story).**



Act out your favorite Christmas movie, and let the group guess what it is.

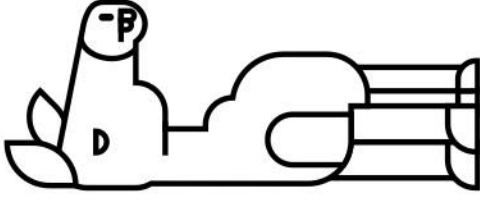
Do 10 “snow angels” on the floor!

Go to another small group (or another person, if there’s no other groups) and tell them Merry Christmas in your silliest voice!

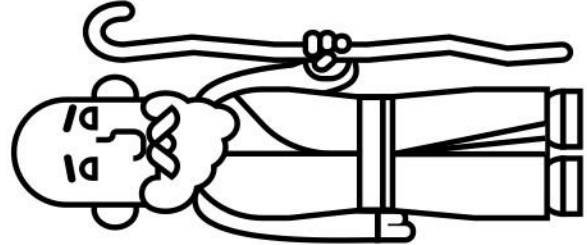
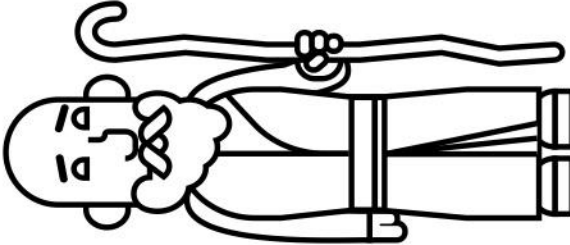
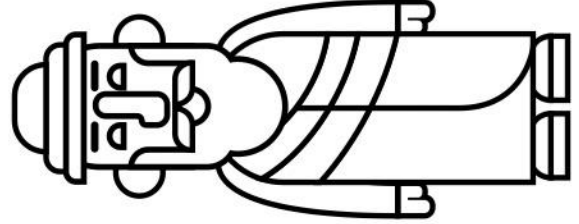
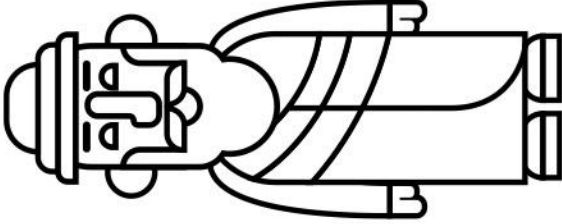
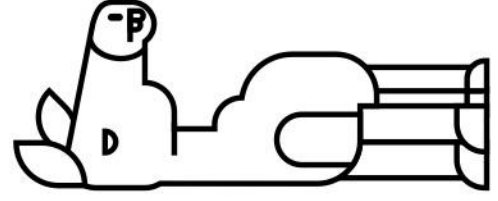
Pretend to be a reindeer and ride around the room!



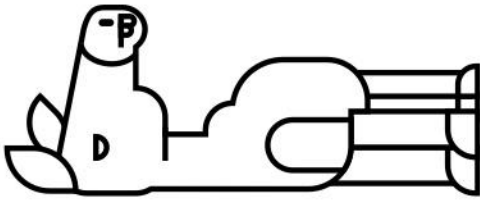
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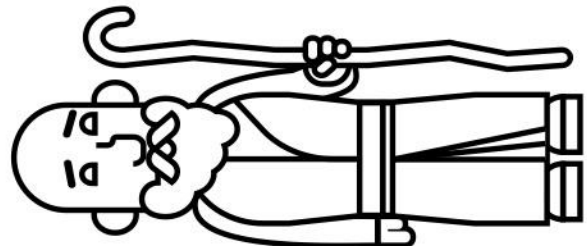
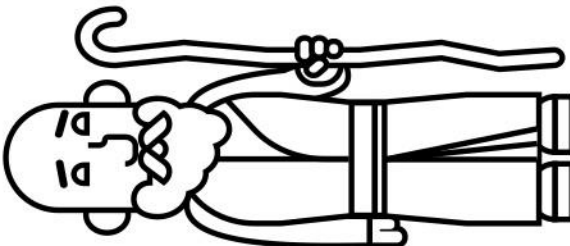
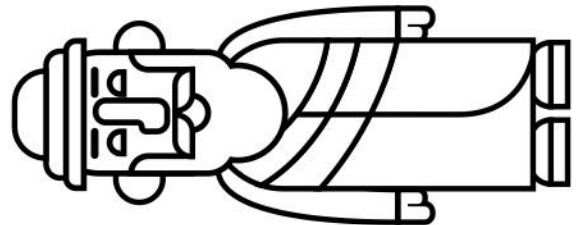
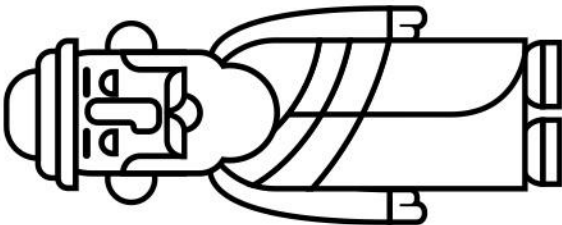
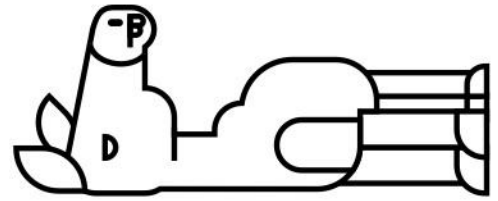
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A/V needs

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1. KC Logo Slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Connect Question Timer
3. [Video: Lego Movie 2 / Emmet's Holiday Party](#)
4. Slide: Jesus is the best gift ever!
5. [Video: Share Faith Kids / The Wise Men](#)
6. Video: 10-Minute Timer
7. Video: 10-Minute Timer
8. Video: 10-second countdown timer_120119
9. [Video: Generous Rex](#)
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11. [Music Video: Oh Come All Ye Faithful \(No Motions\)](#)
12. [Music Video: Noel \(Motions\)](#)