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BIBLE STORY Hope Luke 1 CONVERSATION STARTER How can you spread hope?	MEMORY VERSE "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'" Luke 2:10-11	MONTHLY VIRTUE Advent- preparing our hearts for the Messiah BASIC TRUTH Jesus brings new life

HANGTIME

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MINUTES

- THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH THE KIDS. BE INTENTIONAL WITH THIS TIME
- MAKE SURE AN **ADULT LEADER** IS AT THE DOOR TO GREET KIDS AND PARENTS.

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MINUTES

LARGE GROUP

- LARGE GROUP GAME
- WORSHIP MUSIC VIDEOS
- BIBLE STORY

15
MINUTES

SMALL GROUPS

- SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY
- PRAYER/MEMORY VERSE

10
MINUTES

HANGTIME/DISMISSAL

- FREE PLAY, BE INTENTIONAL TO CONNECT WITH CHILDREN WHILE THEY'RE PLAYING
- HAVE AN **ADULT LEADER** AT THE DOOR TO
- CHECK AND **REMOVE TAGS**



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WHAT YOU DO:

- **Gather children in the center of the room to play a game -**

TRANSITION TO WORSHIP

- **ASK: "What is Worship?"** - (Allow time for children to respond) Worship is honoring God and showing him how much you love Him. We can do this by: praying to God, singing songs, dancing, reading the Bible, learning about God, and believing in God and talking about it. There are so many ways we can worship God. Today we are going to worship through music and dancing.
- **ASK: "Would anyone like to help lead worship?"** - Encourage children to come up to the front of the worship area and lead the dances to the songs. (Select up to 4 kids to stand at the front of the worship area facing the screen.)
- **Pray over worship** - Take a moment to pray for your time together, something like this, "God we are so excited to worship You. Help us not to be distracted but to be joyful to spend time with You. Give us a heart of worship. In Jesus' name, Amen."
- **ROUTE 45:** (For worship song without dance moves) **SAY:** In the Bible, Luke 19:37b says, "The whole crowd of disciples began to praise God with joy. In loud voices they praised him for all the miracles they had seen." Let's praise God with our voices, just like your parents are doing in the main service right now. We can sing and raise our voices with joy. You can stand and sing or close your eyes and listen to the words, whatever is comfortable for you. Be respectful of those around you.
- **Play Worship videos.**
- **SAY:** "Thank you for leading our worship today! I love seeing everyone show God how much they love Him! Now, let's sit down and watch our TRUE Bible story. Make sure you're not distracting your neighbor. We can show God we love Him in this moment by learning about Him."
- **Teach Bible Story.** After teaching, start small groups.

TRANSITION TO BIBLE STORY



BIBLE STORY

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell the students to grab a bible if they didn't bring one and to gather in the middle
- Read the paragraph below and then read the bible story together
- Ask students to raise their hands if they want to read some of the verses out loud
- Leaders read the verses in **blue**. Assign the purple verses to students to read. If no one wants to read, the leaders should read them- **Luke 1: 26-33**, Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 40:31, John 3:16-17

What you say:

We are in a very special month right now. This month we get to celebrate the birth of Jesus! This is also called the "Advent Season". Advent is a word that means "coming". Every year, Christians all around the world celebrate advent. During advent, we take time to reflect on God's promise to send a savior to the world and how important it is that Jesus was born. We will learn and celebrate all that Jesus offers us through salvation. Such as- Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Each week this month we are going to read scripture about all of the different things that Jesus offers us and take time to reflect on how much Jesus loves us.

For thousands of years, God's people, called the Israelites, were going through some really hard times. Sometimes they listened to God and sometimes they did NOT listen to God. Even through all of their wrong choices, God still loved them and wanted to help them. God promised them that one day He was going to send them someone who would save them!

Isaiah, who was a prophet in the old testament, told the Israelites that God said He was going to send someone to save them. The Israelites waited and waited for HUNDREDS of years before Jesus was born. But they had HOPE. Finally they had something to believe in and look forward to again. They believed that whoever this person is would save them from all of their troubles.

The birth of Jesus gave the world a new hope. Hope for salvation, hope for healing, hope for a better way, hope for a new relationship with God, through Jesus. Let's read about the hope we have in Jesus together.

TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUPS

SMALL GROUP / MEMORY VERSE:

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WHAT YOU DO: Split the children into different small groups either by grade or by gender

Discussion Questions

- What does today's story tell us about God?
- When was a time you had hope?
- How does knowing Jesus give you hope?
- Is there a situation you are in where you need hope?

MEMORY VERSE: ""But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'" Luke 2:10-11

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Find the verse in the Bible** - you can ask children to find the verse or you can show them how to look up the book in the table of contents and turn to that page in the Bible. Next point to the first number(chapter) and help children find the chapter in the book by looking for the large number. Last, show them the second number (verse) and help them look for the smaller numbers to find the verse.
- **Ask if anyone would like to read the verse for your small group** - If no one volunteers, you read the verse. (Never force a child to read)
- **Start the Bible Verse Activity:**
 - Show the students how to find the memory verse.
 - Read the verse together

Allow each student to talk about what this verse means.

- Encourage students to try and say the verse without looking.
- Encourage students to race each other to see who can say the verse the fastest or who can find the verse in the bible the fastest.

REFLECT & PRAY

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask if anyone in your group would like to pray and ask if any of the kids have any prayer requests.
- Close with the prayer below (after allowing any children to pray if they wanted).
- INCLUDE all of the kids' prayer requests.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for sending your Son, Jesus to us. Thank you that we can have new hope in every situation. Help us to share the hope of Jesus with others this week. Amen.

- **PLEASE DO NOT DISMISS YOUR SMALL GROUP** until all small groups are done





DISMISSAL:

- **Please make sure there is an ADULT LEADER at the door** for pickup to receive parents. If the door is open, an adult must be standing at the door.
- Adult leader at the door **must check** that the stickers from the parent match the student's sticker.
- **REMOVE KP NAME TAG STICKERS OFF OF EVERY CHILD BEFORE THEY LEAVE THE ROOM**
- After the kids are gone, please tidy the room, sweep any mess off of the floor, and wipe tables with disinfectant wipes.

