

Today's Suggested Schedule—December 2025, Week 3

Today's Bible Story: Jesus Is Born • *Luke 2:1-20*

Conversation Starter: What's the best gift you've been given?

Today's Bottom Line: Jesus is the greatest gift.

Monthly Memory Verse: *"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."* • Luke 2:11 NIV

Supplies NOT Included in the Activity Bags

Bible Story Review

Memory Verse Activity

- ☐ Bible marked at Luke 2:11
- ☐ Prepared "Verse Delivery" Activity Pages
- ☐ Floor tape

Prayer Activity

- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Coloring supplies

Pray for your group before they arrive. Thank God for each preteen who will join the group today, including those visiting for the first time. Ask the Holy Spirit to help your group feel that God loves them so much, He sent them Jesus! Pray that God would show you creative ways to challenge preteens to keep following and celebrating Jesus, in big and small ways, way beyond December.

1. Bible Story Review

What You Need:

- ☐ "Gift Giver" Activity Page

What You Do:

- Divide the kids into three groups.
- Give each group a set of "Gift Giver" Activity Page cards.
- Explain how to play:
 - You will be the 'Gift Giver' and read to the kids one clue at a time that describes a gift we get from God without saying its name.
 - The groups must discuss and choose a card from their pile that matches their guess. After a few tries, you'll reveal the answer!
- One by one, read the clues below in an order different than the order listed below.
- Continue until all the gifts have been guessed.
- **[Make It Personal] (Share why the gift of Jesus doesn't compare to any other gift you've ever received. Discuss another gift that you've gotten that you REALLY love. Then, explain how it still can't match what Jesus has given you.)**

Clues and Answers

- Clue: This gift can't be bought, but it's the reason you can live forever with God. (*answer: eternal life*)
- Clue: This gift wipes away your sins and makes you clean before God. (*answer: forgiveness*)
- Clue: This gift never runs out, even when you feel far away from God. (*answer: God's love*)
- Clue: This gift gives you the true feeling that you're never alone, even when life feels hard. (*answer: peace through Jesus*)
- Clue: When you choose to follow Jesus, this gift lives inside of you—it's God living inside of you! (*answer: the Holy Spirit*)
- Clue: This gift is what happens when you choose to follow Jesus. (*answer: adoption into God's family*)



Discussion Questions

- What's the best gift you've been given?
 - If Jesus is the greatest gift, what makes Him different from every other gift you've ever gotten?
 - How does God giving you Jesus show His love for you?
 - How could you "pass on" this gift to someone else this Christmas?
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2. Memory Verse Activity

What You Need:

- ☐ Bible marked at Luke 2:11
- ☐ Prepared "Verse Delivery" Activity Pages
- ☐ Floor tape

Inclusive Pro Supplies:

- ☐ Dry-erase marker and dry-erase board

What You Do:

- Before you begin, tape two start and finish lines in your group area.
- Divide the kids into two teams and direct them to stand behind a start line.
- Place a set of "Verse Delivery" Activity Pages at each team's finish line.
- Select a kid to read Luke 2:11 from the marked Bible.
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- See if any kids remember the verse motions from Week 1.
- (If you need a review, the motions are:
 - "Today" – *Point straight down with both hands like you're marking right now.*
 - "in the town of David" – *Make a "roof" over your head with your hands.*
 - "a Savior" – *Spread your arms wide like you're about to hug.*
 - "has been born" – *Rock your arms like you're holding a baby.*
 - "to you." – *Point to a friend or the group.*
 - "He is the Messiah," – *Pretend like you're putting on a crown with your hands.*
 - "the Lord." – *Point both hands up to the sky.*
 - "Luke 2:11" – *Open the palms of your hands together like you're opening a Bible.*
- Review the verse with the motions.
- Explain how to play.
 - One at a time, a kid from each team will travel quickly to grab a 'newspaper' and deliver the good news back to their team.
 - Once a team has collected all of the 'newspapers,' they must work together to put the verse words in order.
- Celebrate both teams and gather the kids to discuss!

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- For visual support, keep the verse written on a dry-erase board so kids who process language better visually can glance at it as they arrange their pages.
- Give the teams the option to assemble the verse without racing if speed causes stress.

3. Prayer Activity

What You Need:

- ☐ "Extra! Extra!" Activity Page
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Gather the kids in a circle.
- Give each kid an "Extra! Extra!" Activity Page card and a pencil.
- Place the pencils and coloring supplies in the center.
- Explain that prayer is a conversation they can have with God anytime, anywhere about anything! It's how we show God that we love Him, trust Him, and are thankful for Him.
- Encourage the kids to decorate the card and write their prayer to God in the blank space.
- Use the following questions to guide their reflection before or while they write:
 - What is something you want to thank God for this Christmas season?
 - What do you want to tell Jesus today?
- Close in prayer.

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- Encourage kids who have a harder time expressing themselves in writing to draw symbols or pictures instead. (i.e., a heart for love, a cross for Jesus, or a gift box for thankfulness).

