

Today's Suggested Schedule—December 2025, Week 1

Bible Story: Jesus Is Promised • *Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2*

Conversion Starter: What's the best news you've ever heard?

Bottom Line: Jesus is good news for everyone.

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

SLIDE: Theme

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

OPENER

LEADER "Hey there, friends! Welcome to [Name of environment]! This month is extra-special because we're discovering how Christmas is all about celebrating Jesus—God's greatest gift to us.

"Extra! Extra! Read all about it! God sent His Son because He loves us!

"We want this Christmas to feel different than any one you've experienced as you realize God's great love for you! Merry Christmas, much-loved ones!

"Speaking of good news, our Bottom Line today is: 'Jesus is good news for everyone.' Just like the gifts you passed along, Jesus is a gift that we can share with everyone around us. Remember that as we head into our time of worship and celebration!"

WORSHIP

LEADER: "Hello, wonderful friends! Christmas is such a special time, isn't it? It's when we celebrate Jesus, God's greatest gift to us. God gave us Jesus because He loves us so much! Our first song is 'Joy to the World.' Jesus is joy for the whole world—Jesus is good news for everyone!

"Let's stand up and get ready to sing 'Joy to the World!'

VIDEO: "Joy to the World"

LEADER: "Great singing and dancing, everyone!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

LEADER: “Let’s learn our Memory Verse together with some simple motions. This is part of the message the angel declared to the shepherds on the night Jesus was born! This message is recorded in the Bible in Luke chapter 2. It’s Luke 2:11!

“It goes like this:

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord” (Luke 2:11 NIV).

“Let me teach you some motions that might help you remember the verse. You guys repeat the motions after me:

“Today in the town of David” – *Point straight down with both hands like you’re marking right now.*

“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.*

“Let’s all try that together!

Repeat the Memory Verse with the motions several times.

“Great job! This season, we can remember that God sent His Son, Jesus, to us. Isn’t that amazing? It’s great, great news! Let’s go ahead and sit down and hear our true story from the Bible today!”

BIBLE STORY

VIDEO: *So and So Show*

LANDING

LEADER: “We’ve heard an incredible story today—a promise that changed the world. Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, prophets like Isaiah and Micah told everyone that the Rescuer was coming. And that’s exactly what happened on the first Christmas. God sent us Jesus, His greatest gift.

“As God told the people through Isaiah:

Open the Bible to Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) and read.

A child will be born to us.

A son will be given to us.

He will rule over us.

And he will be called

Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God.

He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever

and Prince Who Brings Peace.

"This verse isn't just a part of history—it's about Jesus, who came to be our Wonderful Adviser and Prince of Peace. And what's also so amazing? He came for all of us.

"God went on to tell the people this about our Rescuer, Jesus:

Open the Bible to Isaiah 9:7 (NirV) and read.

*There will be no limit to how great his authority is.
The peace he brings will never end.
He will rule on David's throne
and over his kingdom.
He will make the kingdom strong and secure.
His rule will be based on what is fair and right.
It will last forever.
The LORD's great love will make sure that happens.
He rules over all.*

"Jesus' kingdom is built on fairness and justice, and it's all because of God's great love for us. That's the kind of ruler He is—and He rules over everything, including our hearts, when we choose to follow Him.

"As God told the people through Micah:

Open the Bible to Micah 5:2 (NirV) and read.

*"Bethlehem Ephrathah, you might not be
an important town in the nation of Judah.
But out of you will come for me
a ruler over Israel.
His family line goes back
to the early years of your nation.
It goes all the way back
to days of long ago."*

"Jesus came from a small place, but His story is for everyone, everywhere. And God had been working on bringing Jesus to us for a long, long time. His family line goes back to long ago. God was thinking about rescuing us for a long, long time. And Jesus' birth was the best news the world ever received.

"This Christmas, as we celebrate and have fun, let's remember that Jesus is good news for everyone. He's not just part of the decorations. He's the reason we have hope and joy. He's our Savior! Our Rescuer! He's the Breaker of that awful curse. That's why what the angel said to the shepherds—which happens to be this month's Memory Verse—is so powerful.

"Can anyone remember it? It's Luke 2:11 NirV:

Open the Bible to Luke 2:11 (NirV) and read.

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."

"This verse tells us that Jesus is for all of us— the Savior for the entire world.

"Before we move to small groups, I want to leave you with this question: What's the best news you've ever heard? Think about that, and let's talk about why Jesus being born is such good news for us."

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] "What's the best news you've ever heard?"

SLIDE: Theme Background

LEADER: "Let's talk to the God who loves us so much, He worked for years and years to send us Jesus."

PRAYER

LEADER: "God, thank You for giving us the best gift ever—Jesus. Help us to celebrate Him not just during Christmas, but every day. And help us to share the great news of Jesus. You are so good, and You love us all. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Communicator leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.