

Today's Suggested Schedule—December 2025, Week 3

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

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

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

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

HOST: "Hey everyone! Welcome to [Name of environment]! This month, we're celebrating a really special time of year. Can anyone guess what it is? That's right, Christmas! And during Christmas, we're discovering something incredible about Jesus. He isn't just a part of the Christmas story, He is the greatest gift of all. Today, we're going to find out why!"

WORSHIP

LEADER: "Hi, friends! Christmas Day is almost here! Hooray! Christmas is such a special time because 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"

WORSHIP 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! The angel's visit to the shepherds 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 Christmas season, we can remember that God sent His Son, Jesus, to us. Isn't that amazing? It is 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: "What a beautiful night we've journeyed through, seeing the wonder of Jesus' birth. It's a story we tell every Christmas because it marks the beginning of something new, the start of God's rescue plan for all of us. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is the greatest gift.**

"And just like the shepherds who were in awe of what they saw, we can respond with that same joy. We can let our hearts be filled with wonder, and we can take action. When we look at Christmas lights twinkling in the night, let's remember they point to Jesus, the light of the world.

"That's what we're celebrating all month, the great news that the angel announced to the shepherds.

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

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

"This verse, our Memory Verse, reminds us of the best gift ever. Just think about it, a Savior who was born for you. And now, we get to live like we truly know it's true.

"So here's a question to take with you:

SLIDE: Conversation Starter**[Conversation Starter] “What’s the best gift you’ve been given?”**

“Take some time to think about that, and we’ll talk about it more in your Small Group. But also think about how you can be a gift to others, showing them the same kindness and love that Jesus shows us.”

COMMUNICATOR: “Let’s talk to the God who gave us the greatest gift together.”

SLIDE: Theme Background**PRAYER**

COMMUNICATOR: “Dear God, thank You for sending us the greatest gift of all, Your Son, Jesus. Help us to remember this Christmas, and every Christmas, that You gave us the greatest gift because You love us so much. Help us tell everyone about Your great love. Merry Christmas, Jesus. We love You so much too.”

After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.