

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

DECEMBER.—WEEK 1

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### PRE-SERVICE

GAME	15 MIN
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LARGE GROUP	[33 MIN]
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OPENING GAME	10 MIN
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WORSHIP	5 MIN
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STORY VIDEO	13 MIN
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BOTTOM LINE

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY

SALVATION MOMENT	5 MIN
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SMALL GROUP	[30-35 min]
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APPLICATION 1	12 MIN
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APPLICATION 2	12 MIN
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CLOSING PRAYER	6 MIN
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THIS MONTH



### Today's Bible Story

Jesus Is Promised  
Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2

### Bottom Line

Jesus is good news for everyone.

### 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

Please make sure each child  
receives a memory verse card  
to take home so they can  
practice and memorize it  
throughout the week.

Please go over the memory  
verse with the class every  
Sunday.

## PRE-SERVICE GAME

### “HEADLINE SEARCH”

#### What You Need

- ☐ Prepared “Newsfeed” posterboard
- ☐ “News Headline Cards” Activity Pages
- ☐ 8 Envelopes for cards

## Before Service

Place 8 envelopes with News Headline Cards” around room for kids to find.

Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high five, fist bump, or a wave!

## What You Do

### 1. Explain the game:

→ *“Today we’re going on a News Hunt! Do you know what a headline is? It’s like the title of a book or a story. It’s meant to give you a clue to what the news or story is about. These news headlines are clues that will help us discover the BEST NEWS EVER!”*

2. Have kids sit in a circle on the floor. Join them with the “Newsfeed” board and tape.

3. Pick 8 kids, one at a time to go find a clue.

→ *When you find one, bring it to me so we can add it to our ‘newsfeed’ board. These news headlines will help us figure out what today’s Bible Story is all about!”*

2. Let kids search the room to find headline cards.

3. When they find one, help them tape it to the “Newsfeed” posterboard.

4. Once all the headlines are found, read them aloud and wonder together about what today’s good news might be about.

## What You Say

“Whoa! You all found so many news headlines! These headlines all point to something BIG. It’s actually the most exciting news, ever! A long time ago, God promised He would send someone very special ... the world needed rescue, and this person would bring hope, joy, and love to the whole world. These news headlines give us clues about who that someone is.

## Transition

I can’t wait for us to hear more in our true Bible Story today. Let’s hear the full story about the greatest news ever ... news that’s for EVERYONE!”

## LARGE GROUP

### OPENING GAME

#### “PASS THE PRESENT”

##### What You Need

- ☐ One shoebox-size box
- ☐ Several different rolls of Christmas-themed wrapping paper
- ☐ Card that says in bold letters: “Jesus is good news for everyone!”

### WORSHIP

### STORY VIDEO

### SALVATION MOMENT

##### What You Need

- ☐ Salvation cards
- ☐ Salvation sheet

##### HOST:

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

“Hey, friends! Welcome to Fusion Kids! This month, we’re gearing up for a very special time of year. That’s right—Christmas! We’re discovering how Jesus is the best gift we could ever receive. This whole month, we’re going to celebrate the good news of Jesus’ birth!

“Christmas is a time filled with lights, decorations, and songs that fill the air with joy. It’s a time when we give and receive presents, showing love to our family and friends. But the greatest gift of all doesn’t come wrapped in shiny paper or with a big bow. It’s the gift of Jesus, and during this season, we’ll learn all about why He is so important and special.

To kick things off, we’ve got a super-fun game that’s going to get us moving and remind us of the excitement that comes when you get a gift! It’s called ‘Pass the Present’, and we’re all going to play together! As we play, think about how much fun it is to unwrap a present. Now imagine that feeling, but a million times greater—that’s how wonderful the gift of Jesus is!

“Alright, everyone, take a seat or stand in a big circle. We’re going to pass this present around while the music plays. When the music stops, if you’re holding the present, tear off a layer of wrapping paper. After we get to the last layer, there’s a secret message inside the box! Are you ready to find out the secret message? If so, let’s get in a big circle!

**→ Wait for the kids to form a huge circle. If you have a larger group, feel free to choose a Small Group, or several kid volunteers to come on stage, form a circle, and play the game.**

“As we unwrap this gift, remember, we’re not just unwrapping any gift; we’re getting ready to uncover the story of the most special gift ever—the promise of Jesus!

“I love how excited we all get when we’re about to open a gift. It’s a little like how people must have felt years ago when they heard that Jesus was coming. They knew something amazing was on the way, just like we can’t wait to find out what’s inside our wrapped box!

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## LARGE GROUP

### OPENING GAME (CONT.)

“And just like our game, the story of Jesus is full of surprises and joy. Each layer of wrapping paper can represent a part of the story. But we’ve been learning this year that the Christmas story is more than just the things many of us are familiar with—shepherds, angels, a star. It’s actually a story that started in the Garden with Adam and Eve when God started His plan to restore our relationship with Him through Jesus.

“So, are you all ready to get started on our game? Remember, while we’re having fun with this game, let’s keep in our hearts the true joy of Christmas, the arrival of Jesus, and the happiness He brings to every one of us.

“Alright, let’s get those hands ready, listen for the music, and when it starts, let’s pass the present with cheer!

→ **Start music and the game. Stop the music as many times as you have layers on the present, and instruct the kid holding the present to unwrap one layer of wrapping paper. Once the kid has unwrapped one layer, start the music and encourage the kids to pass the present around the circle.**

→ **Continue in the same way until you get down to the box. When the kid gets to the box, encourage them to open up the box and read the card loudly or give it to you to read! After the kid says, ‘Jesus is good news for everyone’ take the card, read it out loud with joy wave it up in the air, and shout and celebrate.**

## WORSHIP

## STORY VIDEO

## SALVATION MOMENT

What You Need

- ☐ Salvation cards
- ☐ Salvation sheet

## SMALL GROUP

### APPLICATION 1

#### “FOLLOW THE PLAN”

##### What You Need

- ☐ Copy paper, one piece of paper for every kid
- ☐ Washable markers, one for every kid
- ☐ Santa Hat with Christmas Shapes for kids to pick

### What You Do

1. Direct the kids to pair up.
2. Give each kid a piece of paper and a marker.
3. Instruct one kid from each pair to stand facing the wall.
4. Direct that kid to place their piece of paper on the wall as a flat surface to draw on.
5. Instruct the other kid to pick a Christmas shape out of the bin, stand behind their partner and place their piece of paper on their partner's back.
6. Direct the kid with their paper on their partner's back to slowly draw the Christmas shape. Instruct their partner to guess what shape they're drawing.
7. Once the kid facing the wall thinks they know the shape they felt on their back, direct them to draw the shape on their piece of paper on the wall.
8. Once the kid facing the wall has drawn the shape, instruct the kids to switch places and flip their papers over.
9. Instruct the kid who was facing the wall to choose a new Christmas shape to draw on their partner's back, and that partner attempts to imitate the shape on their paper.

### What You Say

“You couldn't see what was being drawn on your back, but you could feel it and try to follow the plan. God's people couldn't see exactly how His rescue plan would happen either, but they could trust that He had one. And His plan was not just for one group of people, it was for the whole world. God's promise to send Jesus was good news for everyone.

“What were some of the Christmas shapes you drew? (Allow kids to answer.) Just like you had to think about your friend when you were drawing so they could follow along, God's plan has always been for everyone to know and follow Him. Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God told Isaiah and Micah about a Savior who would come and give everyone a chance to be close friends with God again. And when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, every detail came true.

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## SMALL GROUP

### APPLICATION 1 (CONT.)

“Because of Jesus, everyone, no matter where they live, what they look like, or how old they are, can be a close friend of God. God loves everyone so much that He worked for years and years and years on His rescue plan. And then He sent Jesus, who would rescue us all. [Bottom Line] Jesus is good news for everyone, and that’s great news we can share with the people around you. Every time you see a Christmas decoration or something Christmas, that’s a great starting point that can help you talk to people about Jesus. Every light, every Christmas tree, every decoration, every Christmas cookie is celebrating Jesus! The whole world is having a party because God loves them! [Bottom Line] Jesus is good news for everyone!”

#### ***Make It Personal***

*-> Tell your group about an age appropriate time you got to tell someone good news and how it made you feel, then connect it to how amazing it is to share the good news of Jesus.*

## SMALL GROUP

### APPLICATION 2

## “JESUS IS GOOD NEWS”

#### What You Need

- ☐ “Newspaper” Activity Page
- ☐ Coloring supplies

### What You Do

1. Give every kid a “Newspaper” Activity Page card.
2. Read the headline on each card together. ([Bottom Line] Jesus is Good News for everyone!)
3. Set out the coloring supplies.
4. Ask kids to think of someone they could tell about Jesus this week.
5. Let them draw or write that person’s name or a picture in the blank space.
6. Encourage them to take the card home as a reminder!

#### Make It Personal

-> Share an age-appropriate example of a time you shared the good news of Jesus with someone!

### WHAT YOU SAY

“Wow, this headline says: Jesus is good news for everyone! That means He came for all people, no matter where they live, what they’ve done, what they look like, or how old they are. Jesus came for you, your family, your friends ... EVERYONE! God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to rescue us from the curse of sin and make a way for everyone to be close friends with God again.

“This week, pray for the one person you wrote or drew about today. Think about how you can share the Good News that Jesus loves them with them this week. [Bottom Line] Jesus is good news for everyone. This season, there are Christmas decorations everywhere, and a lot of ways you can start a conversation about the Good News of Jesus. He is the real reason for the season. Every light, every tree, every Christmas party is celebrating Him! You can use the Christmas things that are all around you this season to help you start a conversation about Jesus!”

## SMALL GROUP

### PRAY AND DISMISS

What You Need

- ☐ 3rd-5th Graders - Index Cards & Pens\*

## What You Do

### Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for each of my friends here today! We are SO thankful that Jesus was part of Your rescue plan all along. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your one and only Son to save us from sin so we could be close to You. Following Jesus is the BEST decision we'll ever make. Help us to remember what celebrating Christmas is all about. And help us to share the good news of Jesus with those around us! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen!"

### Transition

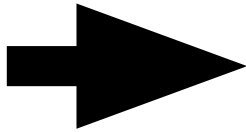
-> As adults arrive to pick up, remind them to pray for the person they drew on their newspaper card! Encourage the kids to tell their grown-ups how they plan to share the good news of Jesus with that person.

*\*3rd-5th- write down your prayer request on a index card and place inside the prayer box.*



# GETTING READY

What You Need



## PRE-SERVICE GAME

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## OPENER GAME

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## SALVATION MOMENT

- ☐ Salvation cards
- ☐ Salvation sheet

## APPLICATION 1

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## APPLICATION 2

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- ☐ Coloring supplies

## PRAY AND DISMISS

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