

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

DECEMBER.—WEEK 2

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

PRE-SERVICE

GAME	15 MIN
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LARGE GROUP [33 MIN]

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]

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

Gabriel Visits Mary
Luke 1:5-66

Bottom Line

God always had a plan to send Jesus.

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 that children who were not here last week receive 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

“Silly Plans”

What You Need

- ☐ Three Christmas-themed gift bags with paper slips in them

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

What You Do

1. Show the kids the gift bags.
2. Say: “There are ‘plans’ hidden inside!”
3. Choose a kid to pick a slip of paper from a bag, read it aloud, and follow the plan (for example: hop three times).
4. Continue until all of the kids have had a turn.
5. Encourage everyone to cheer when a plan is followed!
6. If time allows, mix up the slips in the gift bags and play again.

What You Say

“Amazing job, everyone! Those were some silly plans, but you all followed them so well! You didn’t know what was inside the bag until you pulled it out, but you trusted the plan and followed it.

“In today’s true story from the Bible, we’ll hear about a young woman named Mary. God sent an angel to tell her about HIS big plan. It wasn’t a silly plan—it was the most important plan ever! God’s plan was to send Jesus to rescue the world. Mary trusted God’s plan, even though it felt surprising. We can trust God’s plan too, because God is good and [Bottom Line] God always had a plan to send Jesus. [Transition] Let’s head to Large Group to hear more about it!”

LARGE GROUP

OPENING GAME

“WRAP IT UP”

What You Need

- ☐ 2 rolls of Christmas-themed wrapping paper (one for each team)
- ☐ 2 pairs of child-friendly scissors (one pair for each team)
- ☐ 2 rolls of tape (one for each team)
- ☐ 2 sets of ribbon (one for each team)
- ☐ 2 small bows (one for each team)
- ☐ 2 gift boxes (one for each team)
- ☐ 2 tables (one for each team)

WORSHIP

STORY VIDEO

SALVATION MOMENT

What You Need

- ☐ Salvation cards
- ☐ Salvation sheet

HOST:

“Hello, friends! Merry early Christmas! Welcome to Fusion Kids! This month is extra-special because we’re celebrating something amazing. We’re discovering how Christmas is all about celebrating Jesus, God’s greatest gift to us.

“Extra! Extra! Read all about it! God sent Jesus because He loves you so much!

“Today, we’re kicking things off with a super-fun Group Competition! Do you know what makes a competition exciting? It’s not just about winning; it’s about doing our best and having fun together. And that’s a little bit like Christmas—it’s about coming together and celebrating the most incredible gift we’ve ever received.

- **Split the group into two teams.**
- **Select a team captain for each team.**
- **Have the kids decide on a name for their team.**
- **Explain that the leaders will be competing against each other for their team.**
- **The team captain will encourage their team in cheering for their leader.**
- **Each leader will have supplies to wrap a box.**

“Okay, great! We’ve got our teams! Here’s how our competition will work. Each leader will have its own station with everything to wrap a Christmas gift.

“Alright everyone, it’s time for our *Gift Wrapping Challenge*! We’re going to see which leader can wrap their gift the fastest and make it look the nicest.

Leaders, remember—speed is important, but neatness counts too! You want to do your very best work, because God gave *His* very best when He gave us the greatest gift of all—**Jesus!** Here’s how it’ll work:

- When you’ve finished wrapping your gift, tie a ribbon around it, stick the bow on top, and hold it up high!
- I’ll be the judge to decide when a gift is truly finished—no cheating with half-wrapped corners!
- The first leader to have a fully wrapped, beautiful gift **wins!**

AUDIO: Upbeat Christmas-themed music

SMALL GROUP

APPLICATION 1

“LUKE 2:11 ORNAMENT”

What You Need

- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ Prepared ornaments from “Verse Ornaments” Activity Page
- ☐ Crayons, markers
- ☐ Stickers with Luke 2:11
- ☐ Holiday Stickers

What You Do

1. Give each child a prepared paper ornament from the “Verse Ornaments” Activity Page.
2. Give each kid a Bible.
3. Help them find Luke 2:11 in their Bibles. Read it aloud together.
4. Set out the crayons, markers, and stickers.
5. Point out the stickers with Luke 2:11
6. Say, “This isn’t the entire verse that the angel announced to the shepherds, but it’s a very important part. God sent Jesus to rescue you so you could be His friend forever!”
7. Invite the kids to decorate their ornaments with crayons, markers, and stickers.
8. Once the kids have finished decorating their ornaments, have them write their name on it and use them to decorate the room. (EHT can clip them to the wire racks in the room)
9. Repeat the entire verse from the Bible several times together while they decorate.
10. Gather the group together to discuss when everyone is finished.

What You Say

“Your ornaments look amazing! And part of our Memory Verse from Luke 2:11 is written on it. Let’s look at our Bibles and read our Memory Verse together again: ‘Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord’ (**Luke 2:11 NlrV**).

“This verse is what Christmas is all about. Jesus is the reason for the season! The whole world is throwing a party—even if they don’t believe in Jesus. But every light, every decoration, every celebration is because God kept His promise to send Jesus.

“For a long time, God’s people were waiting for a Rescuer. And then one night, in the little town of Bethlehem, the angel shared the good news: Jesus was born! God had sent His Rescuer!

“When you hang your ornament at home, I want you to remember this verse. Every time you see it on the tree, say these words in your heart: ‘A Savior has been born to me. He is the Lord.’ Because this verse isn’t just for people long ago, it’s for you.

God sent Jesus for you. “So, this week, when you see Christmas decorations, lights, or ornaments, remember our Memory Verse. Remember that [Bottom Line] God always had a plan to send Jesus, and He did, because He loves you so much.”

SMALL GROUP

APPLICATION 2

“VERSE POSTCARDS”

What You Need

- ☐ “Postcard” Activity Page
- ☐ Coloring supplies
- ☐ Writing materials
- ☐ Bible marked at Luke 2:11

What You Do

1. Give each kid a postcard from the “Postcard” Activity Page.
2. Read the Memory Verse, Luke 2:11, aloud to the group.
3. Set out the coloring supplies, the writing materials, and the opened Bible where the kids can refer to it.
4. On the front, read the phrase: “God always had a plan to send Jesus!”
5. Instruct the kids to decorate the front of their postcard.
6. On the back of the postcard, encourage each kid to write out Luke 2:11.
7. Invite the kids to think of someone they’d like to give the postcard to, and write their name in the blanks.

WHAT YOU SAY

“Your postcards look amazing! By writing out Luke 2:11, you’ve shared the exact good news the angel told the shepherds: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord (**Luke 2:11 NIrV**).

“Instead of mailing this postcard, think of someone you can give it to to share the good news with them, like the angel shared with the shepherds. God loves that person so much that Jesus Himself came to pay for sin so that person could choose to be close with God again! [Bottom Line] God always had a plan to send Jesus.”

SMALL GROUP

PRAY AND DISMISS

What You Need

- ☐ Optional: Toy microphone
- ☐ *3rd-5th Graders - Index Cards & Pens**

What You Do

1. Gather the kids in a circle.
2. Explain that today they get to imagine they're being interviewed for the "Good News Network."
3. Hold your hand like a pretend microphone (or optionally, use a toy one) in front of each kid and ask: → "If you could thank God for one thing today, what would it be?" → "What's one thing you're glad God planned in your life?"
4. After every kid answers, say a short prayer thanking God for what they shared.
5. Close the activity by praying for the group as a whole, thanking God for always having a plan to send Jesus.

Prayer

"God, thank You that You love us so much that You worked for years and years to send Jesus to rescue us so we could be close friends with You again. Thank You that You always had a plan to send Jesus. Help us to share that good news all throughout this Christmas season and beyond—that You love everyone so much that You sent Jesus. We love You, God! We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen!"

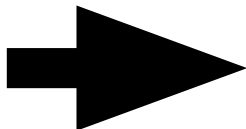
Transition

-> As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to show off their Memory Verse postcards. Challenge the kids to recite Luke 2:11 to their grown-ups!

**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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