

# Lesson Plan

December 21st, 2025

**This Month's Truth:** I Am Never Alone

**Bible Story:** Jesus was born (Luke 2:1-20)

**Theme Verse:** A child will be born for us, a Son will be given to us. (Isaiah 9:6a)

**Teachers rally with your team a few minutes before kids start to arrive:** Rally is a pre-service time for you to be expectant and equipped before the kids start arriving. Go over the lesson and any ideas for the day! Pray over your space and for the kids that will be coming that they will be connected to the person of Jesus!

**Share:** Today we are telling the story of the birth of Jesus, teaching kids that God gives us the gift of salvation. (Read Luke 2:10-11.) Because of Jesus, we get to live in God's love now and forever. And because of that love and salvation, we can know that God is always with us, and we are never alone.

**Pray:** Pray that kids would respond to the amazing truth of the Christmas story and the opportunity to have a forever relationship with God through Jesus.

## Pre Service

**Arrival time, please use this time to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.**

## Service

**What To Do:**

- **Teacher** Start 5-minute countdown **5 minutes prior to service start time.** The Countdown Video is meant to be played as a signal to transition to Large Group. The video is fun and interactive with opportunities for the kids to respond and cheer. Help kids engage and interact with the video by calling out what's happening, asking for their guesses, and cheering with them.

**Teacher Opener:** Hey, kids! Welcome to today's Large Group time! I am \_\_\_\_, and I am so excited you are here with me. Today, we are talking about the best gift ever! Let me hear you

shout, “Best gift ever!” (Best gift ever!) Amazing! Jesus is the greatest gift we could ever receive, and we are going to learn all about it today. Let’s get started!

### Christmas Sketch Off

#### Game Rules:

1. Split your group into two teams.
2. Pick one volunteer from each team. Bring them to the front of the room and they will be the “artists.” (You can use either a white board or a piece of butcher paper on the wall.)
3. Call on the artist from one team to go first. Give the artist a word or phrase from the Christmas-themed list.
4. Allow the artist 60 seconds to draw the word/phrase on the board without using any letters, numbers, or verbal clues, while the artist’s team tries to guess the drawing.
5. Listen closely to hear if the team guesses correctly within the time limit. Award a point for each correct answer. If the team does not correctly guess within the time limit, no points will be awarded.
6. Allow the next team to go. Continue until all words are used.
7. Award the team with the most correct guesses after all rounds as the winner.

#### Suggested Words or Phrases:

1. Christmas tree
2. Candy cane
3. Joy to the world
4. Gingerbread house
5. Snowball fight
6. Shepherds tending to their sheep
7. Hot cocoa
8. Jingle bells
9. Wrapping presents
10. Snowing

**What You Say:** It is time to kick the fun up a notch with a game we are calling “Christmas Sketch Off!” Let me hear you shout, “Christmas Sketch Off!” (Christmas Sketch Off!) This is a team game, and it is all about working together, guessing quickly, and cheering each other on! First, let’s have one player from each team join me at the front. (Invite one player from each team to the front.)

One “artist” from each team will take turns drawing a Christmas-themed word or phrase on the board. The two artists will have 60 seconds to sketch it out—no letters or numbers

allowed—and the rest of their team members at the front will try to guess what it is. If the team gets it right, they earn a point! The most important rule? Have fun and cheer each other on! Whether you are guessing, drawing, or cheering from your seat, you are part of the team. Let's do this! You will have 60 seconds to draw the picture while your team tries to guess. Ready? Count down with me, 3! 2! 1!

**What you say:** You all did such a great job working together and guessing those Christmas drawings! Just like we had fun drawing pictures that have to do with Christmas, God has given us the greatest reason to celebrate—let me hear you say, “Jesus!” (Jesus!) That is right! Because of Jesus, we are never alone! Say, “I am never alone!” (I am never alone.)

**Transition Script to go into the Intro Video:** Before we dive into our video, let's all shout, “The best gift ever!” Ready? “The best gift ever!” Awesome! Today, an inventor known as DIY Dan has a big plan that might not go as expected, but do not worry—he will remind us about the greatest gift of all. Let's watch! Count down with me! 3-2-1!

## Play Intro Video

**What You Say:** Wow, what a fun adventure with DIY Dan! Even though things did not go as planned, he reminded us that the best gift ever is God's Son, Jesus! Let me hear you shout, “Jesus!” (Jesus!) God's gift of salvation is the most amazing thing we could ever receive. Say, “God gives me salvation!” (God gives me salvation!)

## Worship

**What You Say:** I am so excited for worship this morning! Let's all stand up and worship together!

**What To Do:**

- Turn lights off
- 2-3 songs of worship
- **Teachers and Small Group Leaders worship with the kids, modeling what it looks like to give God our praise. Stand in the front of the room, or next to the kids- but not in the back.**
- Dismiss the kids back to their seats when the songs are over

## Bible Story Video

**Transition script Teachers please use this to set-up the Bible Story and to encourage the use of Bibles in the classroom with the Kids:** (Open the Bible.) Today, we are going to hear an incredible story from the Bible in Luke 2:1-20. The Bible is God's true message to us about Himself. Today's story is all about the birth of Jesus—the best gift ever! When I say, “Best gift ever” you say, “Jesus!” Ready? “Best gift ever!” (Jesus!) That is right! Let's dive into the Bible and discover the amazing story of how Jesus came to save us all.

### **What To Do:**

- Play the Bible Story
- When it's over, turn lights back on and ask what the Bible story was about (as well as the questions below), have kids respond, take some answers from the **small group leaders** and share some yours as well, use the script below to help make the connection for the kids.

### **Questions to consider asking after the video:**

- What is something that you learned about God from the video?
- What is something that you learned about people?
- What can you take away from the video?
  - How can you apply the lesson from today into your life?

**Making The Connection Script:** This true story is all about how God gave us the most amazing gift ever—His Son, Jesus. And it is not just a story from the past. It is a story that shows us that we are never alone, and that God gives us salvation. Who gives us salvation? Say, “God gives me salvation!” (God gives me salvation!) And like the shepherds were not alone when they received the good news, we are never alone because God is always with us through Jesus. Say, “I am never alone!” (I am never alone!)

It is Christmastime, and I am sure many of you have a gift that you would like to get this year. But the truth is, we already have the best gift ever. When I say, “Best gift” you say, “Ever!” “Best gift!” (Ever!) That is right! When Jesus was born, He was God's gift to us. He came to rescue us, to bring peace between us and God. That is what salvation is all about!

### **Gospel Connection (Use the Make the Connection Pictures on the Playlist):**

**(Circle three)** God knew we needed help because we could not fix the brokenness in our world by ourselves. So, He sent us a gift—His Son, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life, and then He gave up His life by dying on the cross to take the punishment for our sins. But that is not the end! After

three days, Jesus rose from the dead! He defeated sin and death so we could have a relationship with God again.

**(Circle one)** See, when God created everything, it was perfect—no pain, no sadness, and no sin. The first people God created had a perfect relationship with Him. It is how God wanted the world to be!

**(Circle two)** But sin entered the world when people chose to disobey God. Sin is when we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. Sin broke that perfect relationship between God and the first people, and it made the world a hard and lonely place. But here is the good news: Because of Jesus, God offers us salvation! That means we can be forgiven and have a relationship with Him again. And here is something even better, because of that good news, you are never alone. Say, “I am never alone!” (I am never alone!) That is right! God is always with you, and He promises to walk with you every day when you trust in Jesus.

We can talk to God, pray to Him, and know that He hears us. He is always with us! Say, “I am never alone!” (I am never alone!)

When we think about Christmas, we often think about presents. But is there more to Christmas than just the gifts we receive? Say, “Absolutely!” (Absolutely!) The greatest gift of all is the gift of salvation through Jesus. It is not about what we get, but about what God gave to us! And that is a reason to celebrate this Christmas!

## Offering

### What To Do:

- Play video explaining offering to kids
- Play offering time video while kids pass the bucket
- Ask a student(s) to come up and pray over the offering

## Theme Verse Review:

Choose between the Video-Led Theme Verse option or the Host-Led Theme Verse option.

### Theme Verse Motions:

## Community Big Kids

A child will be born for us, (Cross and cradle your arms like you are holding a baby.)  
a son will be given to us. (Spread your arms in front of you with palms up.)  
Isaiah 9:6a (Hold your hands out like a book.)

**Option #1:** Put the memory verse slide on the screen.

**What You Say:** All right, everyone, let's stand up and get ready to learn our verse! God's Word is an amazing gift because it reminds us that God gives us salvation. Let's say it together and make it stick!

Repeat after me: (Use the motions above.)  
A child will be born for us, (A child will be born for us,)  
a son will be given to us. (a son will be given to us.)  
Isaiah 9:6a (Isaiah 9:6a)

You all did an incredible job—give yourselves a big round of applause! (Do a round motion of applause with the kids.) Now, let's say the verse again, but this time in a Christmas caroler voice, like you are singing it. Let's go!

A child will be born for us, (A child will be born for us,)  
a son will be given to us. (a son will be given to us.)  
Isaiah 9:6a (Isaiah 9:6a)

Great job, everyone! Isaiah 9:6a reminds us that God sent Jesus to save us and be with us always. Through Him, I am never alone, and God gives me salvation! When I say, "I am never alone!" you say, "God gives me salvation!" Ready? I am never alone! (God gives me salvation!)

**Option #2:** Play Memory verse video

**What You Say:** Let's look at the screen and learn our Theme verse, Isaiah 9:6a! It reminds us that Jesus is the best gift ever.

### Play Memory Verse Video

**What You Say:** Isaiah 9:6a tells us about Jesus, the best gift ever! Through Jesus, God gives me salvation and makes a way for us to be with Him forever. What an amazing gift!

## Large Group Closing:

**What You Say:** What an amazing day! We have learned that Jesus is the best gift ever. Because of Him, we are never alone, and God gives us salvation! Who gives us salvation? Say, “God gives me salvation!” (God gives me salvation!) He came to rescue us from our sin and bring us into relationship with God, and now we are never alone. On the count of three, let me hear you shout, “I am never alone!” 1-2-3! (I am never alone!) Wow! That is awesome. Now let’s take a moment to thank Him for His amazing love and pray together.

**Closing Prayer:** God, thank You for sending Jesus to be the best gift ever. Thank You for loving us so much and giving us salvation. Help us to trust You and remember that we are never alone because You are always with us. We love You! Amen.

**Transition to Small Group Time:** Split the kids into small groups. This can be done either by age, grade, or gender.

## Small Group Time:

### **Option #1:** Connection Questions

1. If you could invent the best gift ever, what would it look like and do? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)
2. I want you to image having a big plate of Christmas cookies that you can share with all of your friends. Why do you think sharing God’s gift of salvation would be even more important than sharing cookies? (Allow kids to answer. Suggested answer may include how cookies make you happy for a little while, but God’s gift of salvation brings joy and life that lasts forever.)
3. The Bible tells us that God gives us salvation, and because of that, we are never alone! Let’s open our Bibles to Luke 2:10-11 and read about it together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) What does it mean that Jesus is the Savior or Rescuer? (Allow kids to answer. Answers may include that it means Jesus came to save the world and give us salvation! Being the Savior means Jesus helps us when we are in trouble and makes a way for us to be with God forever.)

4. How is the gift God gives us through Jesus different than the other gifts we receive at Christmas? (Allow kids to answer. Answers may include how you need to believe that Jesus loves you and that He died to save you from sin. It means asking Jesus to forgive you and telling Him you want to follow Him. It means trusting Jesus and trying to live like He wants us to.) If you want to know more about how to follow Jesus, I would love to talk with you and answer any questions you have!
5. The Bible tells us that, because of Jesus, we are never alone, and He is best gift ever! Through the birth of Jesus, God gave us salvation. When we trust in Him, we can be in relationship with Him forever! What is something you learned today? (Allow kids to answer.) Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer.) Let's pray and talk to God. (Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)

### **Option #2:** Theme Verse Ornament

**What To Do:** We're going to be making our own ornaments with our Theme Verse today! I am going to hand each of you a clear ornament. Now I'm going to give you each a pinch of straw to put inside your ornament. Then a strip of paper with our Theme Verse written on it.

We're going to make the bottom of our ornament look like a manger. The manger was where Jesus was placed when He was born. Our ornament will have our Theme Verse in it. This will help us remember that God sent us His Son Jesus. He was born to take away our sins. What a perfect gift from God!

**Loud And Clear:** Look at the incredible manger ornaments we have made, friends! In Luke 2:1-20, we learn that Jesus was born to bring us salvation. It is pretty amazing that God's best gift would be placed in a manger. Let me hear you say, "Wow! That is amazing!" (Wow! That is amazing!) Jesus really is the best gift ever! Shout, "Best gift ever" with me! "Best gift ever!"

### **Option #3:** Activity Page

**What To Do:** This activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned about today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

**Leader Tip:** Use this time to get to know the kids better. Ask them what they remember about the Bible story or remind them that the birth of Jesus is the best gift ever, as God gives us salvation through Him. We can be sure that no matter what, we are never alone.



**Loud And Clear:** As we read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20, we are reminded that God sent His Son to be with us, fulfilling His promise that we are never alone. The arrival of Jesus as our Savior is the ultimate expression of God's love for us. Through Him, we can have salvation and a constant relationship with God. Jesus brings us joy and security, knowing He is always with us, no matter what.

## Close out in prayer:

### What To Do:

- Ask for any specific prayer requests
- Pray with the group
- Lead the group in the prayer below.

**What You Say:** God, thank You for sending Jesus, the best gift ever. Thank You for loving us so much that You made a way for us to be saved from our sins. We know that we are never alone because You are always with us. Help us to trust You, follow You, and share Your love with others. Thank You for giving us the gift of salvation and the chance to be part of Your family. We love You, and we praise You for all You have done for us. Amen.

## Dismissal:

**Leader Tip:** Work with your team to dismiss the kids in a fun, manageable, and safe way. As kids leave, make sure they have all of the crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.