

Impact Kids Fall 2025

Younger Kids Leader Guide

December 3, 2025

The Greatest Gift- Celebrate God is with us. Matthew 1:23

Bible- Dec 3- Luke 1:5-25, 57-66 God hears our prayers, so we trust His timing







The Code



Gospel Page



The Greatest Gift Leader Devos

prayer challenge

Write down 3 things you know about Jesus.

Pray asking God to show you more ways to recognize

Jesus around you this Christmas.

Wednesday Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM

Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM

K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM

4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM

4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM

Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM



Low Energy Game:

Supplies:

- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

Play Charades

Say: In today's Bible story, we found out that Zechariah lost his voice when he heard that God was going to bring him a baby—and he couldn't use his voice for a long, long, long time! Let's play a game to see what that's like.

- Form trios of two preschoolers and one adult or teen helper (if possible).
- Have trios pick a person who'll be first to act out something while their partners try to guess what they're communicating.
- Have all the actors stand up facing their partners.
- Whisper to the actors, "Without making any sounds, pretend to rock a baby to sleep."
- Partners can call out guesses, and the first person in each group to guess is the new actor for the next round.
- Continue playing with different actors each round, and whisper the following into the actors' ears:
- Without making any sounds, pretend to be a crying baby.
- Without making any sounds, pretend to feed a baby with a bottle.
- Without making any sounds, pretend to change a baby's diaper.
- Without making any sounds, pretend to lay a baby down to sleep.
- Without making any sounds, pretend to be a baby playing with toys.
- If you'd like, play upbeat music in the background during the game.

Talk About It

Ask: · What was hard about the game?

Say: It's not easy to talk to each other when we can't use words! Zechariah couldn't use words for a long time while he waited for his baby to be born, and he was probably excited to tell people that God had answered his prayer! God hears our prayers like he heard Zechariah's prayer. Even though Zechariah was old, God gave him a son at just the right time. God will answer our prayers in the right time. too.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch "How to Build a Megaphone"

Say: God hears our prayers, so we trust his timing.

Ask: · Tell about a time you felt like no one was listening to you. Share your own story first.

Say: Let's see how Awesome Andy solved the problem of feeling like God wasn't listening to his

prayers.

Ask: • Why do you think Andy's giant megaphone didn't work?

· Andy said he gets tired of waiting for God to answer his prayers. Tell about a time you felt like that.

Say: God hears our prayers, and we don't need a giant megaphone or any other invention to help God hear us. He always hears us!

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

• Bible

Sing a Song

Say: Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, prayed and asked God for a baby for a long time. But since they didn't have a baby for years and years, they thought God's answer was "no." But that wasn't God's answer! God's answer was "wait, not yet." And after a lot of years, God knew it was finally the right time and gave them a baby boy named John.

God hears our prayers, and he always answers them! Sometimes the answer is just different than we expected. Sometimes God says "yes." Lead preschoolers in giving a double thumbs-up. Sometimes God says "no" because he has something else good planned for us. Lead kids in giving a double thumbs-down. And sometimes God says "wait, not yet" like he said to Zechariah. Lead kids in stretching their arms in front of them with flexed hands, as if to say "stop." No matter how God answers our prayers, we can know he always does what's best for us. Let's sing a song to help us remember the ways God answers our prayers.

Lead kids in singing the following song to the tune of "BINGO" and doing the accompanying motions.

We know God always hears our prayers. (point to temples, make prayer hands)

He always has an answer. (hands to sides of mouth)

Yes, no, or not yet. (thumbs-up, thumbs-down, arms in front of you with flexed hands)

Yes, no, or not yet. (thumbs-up, thumbs-down, arms in front of you with flexed hands)

Yes, no, or not yet. (thumbs-up, thumbs-down, arms in front of you with flexed hands)

God always has a good plan! (raise one arm above head, raise second hand)

Deeper Bible: cont

Repeat the song multiple times.

Say: The Bible tells us how God always has good plans for us. Listen to this.

Read Jeremiah 29:11-12.

Say: Even though we don't know what will happen in life, God does! We can trust God's plans and that he always hears us.

Play a Version of "Mother, May I?"

Say: Now let's play a game! You'll have to pay attention to hear if the answer in the game is "yes," "no," or "wait, not yet."

Stand on one side of the room, and have kids stand on the opposite side of the room. Explain that when you call on a child, the child will say, "Teacher, may I..." and make a suggestion of how the group can move forward, such as five large steps, three bunny hops, or four baby steps. Respond to the child's request either with "yes," and have the whole group move forward in the way mentioned; "no, but you may...," and give the group a different way to move forward; or "wait, not yet," pausing for a few moments before allowing kids to move forward in the way mentioned. Play the game, calling on a different child each time. When kids cross the room and reach you, do a class cheer together, shouting, "God always hears our prayers!" Then begin the game again.

Say: Just like God heard Zachariah's prayer, we know God hears our prayers, too, and always answers them. God has good plans for us!

Life Application:

Share With One Another

Say: Today we found out that God hears our prayers, and we can trust him as we wait. God always hears us when we talk to him!

Share some things you want to talk to God about today.

Ask: • What do you want to talk to God about today? Invite kids to share anything and everything they want to talk to God about. They might want to thank God, ask for help, or even tell God about their day.

Say: You can talk to God in a regular voice, and he hears you! Lead kids to say "I love you, God!" in a regular voice. You don't need to shout to God, but you can shout to God and he'll hear you then, too. Lead kids to shout "You're awesome, God!" You can whisper to God, and God will hear your prayers. Lead kids to whisper "Thank you, God!" You can even think in your head, and God hears you! Invite kids to have a specific thought for God in their heads.

Pray

Say: Let's talk to God now about all the things we just shared. Lead kids to talk to God. *Encourage them to tell God the things they said earlier that they wanted to talk to God about. Close in prayer.* **Say:** God heard you, and we can trust him as we wait for him to answer. God always wants what's best for us, and he'll always take care of us.

Thank kids for joining you at church. Let them know you hope they'll join you and all their friends at church next week.

Activity Page with a Point:

Younger Kids: Color a Coloring/Activity Page Supplies Needed: Coloring Page, pencils, crayons,

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. **Say:** God hears our prayers. He sent an angel to tell Zechariah that God heard his prayers and was giving him a son. Let's color that picture. Allow time for kids to color.