

Small Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Greeting & Prayer (3 minutes)

The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

Small Group Activity (20 minutes)

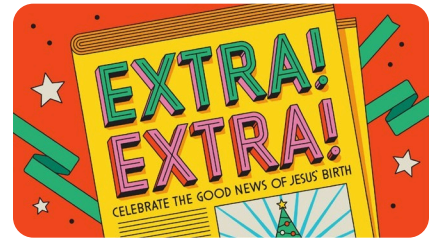
Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Pray & Dismiss (2 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.



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 NlrV**



Inclusive Pro Tips

This leader guide is created with inclusion in mind. It supports children with learning differences, disabilities, or special needs as they participate alongside their peers. Look for the highlighted sections for extra tips to help welcome and include every child. For more resources, check out our free *A Place at the Table* course with Kim Botto and EveryChild Curriculum. joinamazing.com/everychild



Greeting & Prayer



What You Need

- ☐ A Spinning Wheel
- ☐ Prayer Chart

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What You Do

Pray for your group before they arrive -> Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Recall a time when God gave you the courage to do something you didn't think you were ready for. Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to live inside of you and help you take the next step! Ask God to help the kids trust Him when they feel nervous or unsure. Whether it's a big change or something small, pray that kids would know God is with them even when they don't feel ready.

- Choose a child to spin the wheel.
- Each color matches a prayer prompt on the chart.
- After spinning, the child finds the matching prompt, reads it, and prays.
- Let a few more children take turns spinning the wheel and praying.

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What You Say

"Prayer is how we talk with God, our loving Father. The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing—talking to Him anytime, anywhere. Whatever you do, begin with prayer. When you do, you can trust that God is in control and working in every situation."

Transition -> Lead your group to the small group activity

ACTIVITY ONE

Share the Good News!*



Application Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "Newspaper" Activity Page
- ☐ Coloring supplies



Inclusive Pro Tips

If a child doesn't feel ready to name a specific person, they can draw a group of people and continue to think about it.

Consider pairing kids together if writing or drawing is a challenge. One can share the idea while the other does the drawing/writing.

① What You Do

1. Give every kid a "Newspaper" Activity Page card and ask them to cut along the dotted lines.
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!

② 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!"

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ACTIVITY TWO

Verse in Motion

Memory Verse Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ "Verse Motions" Activity Page
- ☐ Optional: Jingle bells

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To adjust to the mobility needs of your group, perform the motions from a seated position.

Use the dry-erase marker and dry-erase board to make the verse visible for the kids.



① What You Do

1. Give every two kids a Bible.
2. Invite them to look up Luke 2:11 using the Bible Navigation Tips.
3. Repeat the verse together several times.
4. Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids, like "Messiah," and explain what they mean:
 - "Messiah" is a special title that means: "Anointed One" or "Chosen One."
 - A long time before Jesus was born, God promised His people that He would send someone to rescue them, to make things right, so they could be close to God again. That person would be the Messiah!
 - This verse that we shared today is part of the message the angel delivered to the shepherds that Jesus is the Messiah! The angel was saying: "This is the One God promised! He's the Rescuer, the forever King, the one we've all been waiting for to make us right with God again!"
5. Use the "Verse Motions" Activity Page to teach the motions to the kids. (The Nlrv and NIV are very similar.)
 - "Today in the town of David" (point to the ground)
 - "a Savior has been born to you." (pretend to rock a baby)
 - "He is the Messiah" (point one hand up)
 - "the Lord." (point both hands up)
 - "Luke 2:11" (open hands like holding an open Bible)
6. Practice the Memory Verse with the motions slowly, then faster.
7. Challenge the kids to pretend they're the angel and deliver the Memory Verse in a whisper, then a cheer while doing the motions.
8. Optional: Feel free to give each kid a bell to jingle and ring as they do the motions.
9. Repeat the Memory Verse several times with the motions so it sticks!

Talk Together

1. "Who is the Savior this verse is talking about?"
2. "What does it mean that Jesus is good news for everyone?"

② What You Say

"Great job, everyone! This verse is like a special delivery straight from God's heart to us. It tells us that Jesus, God's Son, was born for YOU! Not just for the people in the Bible, not just for grown-ups, but for everyone! That means the Savior, the Rescuer God promised, came because He loves you and wants you to know Him. How incredible is that? Let's keep practicing our verse with these motions so we can remember in our heads AND in our hearts that *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is good news for everyone!"

Pray and Dismiss



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What You Say

"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, invite kids to show off their Wisdomland Fast Pass and recite the Memory Verse on it to their grown-up!

Inclusive Pro Tips



As kids think about what they need wisdom for this week, make sure they don't feel the pressure to share! Give them the opportunity to process quietly.



What to Do:

Print on cardstock and cut apart, one card for every kid.

"Newspaper" Activity Page

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