

# 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)

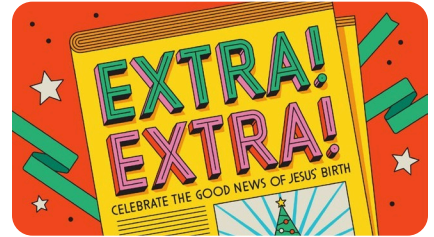
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### Pray & Dismiss (2 minutes)

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



THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

## Jesus Is Born Luke 2:1-20

Bottom Line

**Jesus is the  
greatest gift.**

Memory Verse

**"Today in the town of  
David a Savior has  
been born to you. He  
is the Messiah, the  
Lord." Luke 2:11 NIrV**



### 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](http://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

# Christmas Craft



# Pray and Dismiss

## Prayer Activity

### Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God



### Inclusive Pro Tips

Instead of praying silently, give options for the kids to write or doodle to God quietly.

## ② What You Say

"Dear God, thank You for Christmas and for all the good things You give us. But most of all, thank You for the greatest gift of all, Jesus. Thank You that You sent us a Rescuer, just like You promised. Thank You that He came to show us Your love and to make a way for anyone who wants to be close to You. Please help us celebrate Jesus this Christmas more than anything else. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition -> As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share with them that Jesus is the greatest gift. Remind the kids to say: "We learned that *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is the greatest gift, and He came for everyone!" Encourage kids to tell their grown-ups that, just like the shepherds shared the good news, they can celebrate Jesus and share His love too.