

CITY LG – November 29th- 30th, 2025

Bible Story: Jesus Is Promised • *Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2*

Bottom Line: Jesus is good news for everyone.

Monthly 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

WORSHIP

Oh What a Glorious Night

O Holy Night

SLIDE: Theme

Hey friends, welcome to The City! We're so glad you're here today. This month we're discovering something super-special—it's all about Christmas, the time when we celebrate Jesus, God's greatest gift to all of us!

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! God sent His Son because He loves us!

But before we dive into learning more about God's great gift, we're going to start off with something super-fun! Let's get started with our game called 'Gift Shuffle.' This game is all about celebrating the gift of Jesus by moving with joy!

Here's what you need for our game today: Just your smile and some space to move around. That's it!

Here's how you play: I'm going to call out a Christmas/wintertime activity, and when I say 'freeze,' you will freeze into a frozen version of that activity.

Okay, are you ready? Let's all spread out so we've got room to move. *(Pause as the kids spread out.)*

Great! Now that we've all got room to move, let's play our first round!"

For round one, call out a wintertime activity. (Several are listed below.) Comment on the action, then say, "freeze," and comment on the kids' poses. Play several rounds.

Christmas/wintertime activities: (Feel free to add your own.)

- *Open a gift*
- *Make a snowman*
- *Decorate a Christmas tree*
- *Wrap a gift*
- *Drink hot chocolate*
- *Warm yourself by the fire*
- *Have a snowball fight*
- *Decorate Christmas cookies*
- *Go caroling*

Great job! That was so winter-y and Christmas-y!! I want to grab a candy cane just because I felt the season so much through you guys! Please take a seat. (Pause as the kids sit down.)

There are so many things this season that we can celebrate! But one of the greatest things we can celebrate is God and how He sent His Son, Jesus, for us. God loves us so much!

But before we get into the true story from the Bible this week, let me remind you about something amazing we're doing this year. We're going through key stories in the Bible from cover to cover!

But are we going through the Bible just so we'll learn the awesome stories in the Bible? Not exactly! One of the reasons God gave us the Bible is so that we can get to know Him. He wants us to be His friends! So as we go through the Bible this year, our hope is that we learn about Him.

We're going to go through God's Big Story in the Bible together! *(Gesture to slide.)*

SLIDE: God's Big Story

Let's continue on through the Bible! We've reached the part of the Bible where God is about to give us the greatest gift—Jesus!

VIDEO: Bible Story

Well, as we just saw, the Christmas story isn't just about a baby in a manger, it's about a promise that God kept. Before the shepherds, the star, even Mary and Joseph, God had a plan to rescue us. And that plan is Jesus. He's the reason we celebrate Christmas. God loves you so much He sent you Jesus!

So let's celebrate Jesus this Christmas. He is the best gift ever—the best gift from a God who loves you so, so much that He worked for years and years to bring you a rescue.

And this gift is not just for you—it's for everyone! That's our Bottom Line for today:

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Jesus is good news for everyone.

So, friends, we've heard all about the incredible promises God made long before Jesus was born. God promised a special baby would come—a baby who would grow up to be our Savior, the one who could break that awful curse. That was the promise that God had made long, long ago, He was going to send our Savior! And when Jesus came, He was that promise come true!"

That's what Isaiah and Micah were talking about a long time ago. And guess what? It's not just a story from the past. Jesus is still good news today, for me and you!

And this great Rescue, it isn't just for some people; it's for everyone. That's why we say Jesus is good news for everyone. And that's what Christmas is all about—celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

We can celebrate by remembering and sharing this good news. Tell your friends and family that Jesus came for all of us. Let's make Him the center of our story, not just at Christmas, but every day.

Now let's talk to the God who loves us so, so much He sent us the best gift of Jesus!

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus, the promise that You kept. Help us to always remember that You love us so much that You sent us Jesus. Help us remember Your great love this Christmas and beyond! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING

Our offering is going to Shady Oaks Camp. Their mission is to give these kids and adults the same kind of camp experience that kids without disabilities can enjoy. Let's check it out.

VIDEO: Missions Night 1

Wow! You can see how much fun the people who attend Shady Oaks Camp for kids and adults with disabilities have! What an amazing experience that is for them. We are raising money to support the camp in all they do for people with disabilities. Go home and see what you can do to earn money to help Shady Oaks Camp!