

CITY SG – November 29th- 30th, 2025

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

Today's 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 NIV

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: Scratch off ornament (one per kid), ribbons, scratch off tools

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each child a scratch off ornament and tool as they arrive.
- Have them decorate their ornament with the scratch off tool.
- As they decorate, ask:
 - How was your Thanksgiving?
 - What are you most looking forward to this Christmas season?
- Help them tie the ribbon on their ornament.

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Chain Reaction

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Dominoes (one box per bin)

What You Do:

- Show kids the dominoes and invite them to help you build a big "chain reaction" design.
- Let them work together at the table to place the dominoes back-to-back in any creative pattern—straight line, zigzag, winding path, etc.
- Ask kids to notice how each domino needs to be close enough for the next one to fall.
- Highlight teamwork—every domino (and every helper) matters for the chain to work.
- Pick a kid to start the chain reaction by knocking over the first domino.
- Watch the dominoes tumble and celebrate when they reach the end!
- Explain:
 - "God's plan to send Jesus was just like this chain reaction—every person, every moment, every promise worked together perfectly so Jesus would come at just the right time!"
 - "The incredible thing is that this chain reaction keeps going as we share the good news about Jesus with everyone around us!"
- Encourage the kids to reset the dominoes, to try building new patterns, and see if they work differently!
- Let different kids start the chain reaction each time, so everyone gets a turn.
- Recap the Bible Story:

- God promised a special child would be born: Isaiah said this child would be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.
- Why did we need a Savior? In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve broke their closeness with God. No one could be close to God anymore. But God didn't want to keep things that way! He loves us and wants to be close friends with each of us. So over years and years and years, God was faithful, through every moment and every person, to send Jesus and start the plan to rescue us because God loves you so much and He is so good!
- As Micah said, the Savior would be born in the small town of Bethlehem.
- These promises were given hundreds of years before Jesus was born, and God kept every one of them!

2. Share the Good News!

Application Activity

What You Need: "Newspaper" Activity Page, (one card per kid), Markers

What You Do:

- Give every kid a "Newspaper" Activity Page card.
- Read the headline on each card together. (***Jesus is Good News for everyone!***)
- Set out the markers.
- Ask kids to think of someone they could tell about Jesus this week.
- Let them draw or write that person's name or a picture in the blank space.
- Encourage them to take the card home as a reminder!
- Say, "Jesus 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."
- Encourage the kids to pray for the person they wrote down this week and think about how they can share the Good news of Jesus with them.

3. Verse in Motion

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, "Verse Motions" Activity Page (a few per bin)

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse aloud to your group.
 - *"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."* Luke 2:11 NIV
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- 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!"
- Use the "Verse Motions" Activity Page to teach the motions to the kids.
- Practice the Memory Verse with the motions slowly, then faster.
- Challenge the kids to pretend they're the angel and deliver the Memory Verse in a whisper, then a cheer while doing the motions.

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)"
- "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!"

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, remind them to pray for the person they drew on their newspaper card!