

## CITY LG – December 6<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Bible Story:** Gabriel Visits Mary • *Luke 1:5-66*

**Bottom Line:** God always had a plan to send Jesus.

**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**

Hi, friends! Welcome to The City! This month, we’re celebrating something really special. It’s Christmas time—a time we remember God’s greatest gift to us: Jesus.

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! God sent Jesus to rescue you because He loves you so much! Before we play a game, let’s read our Memory Verse together. This is part of what the angel declared to the shepherds on the night Jesus was born! It’s great, great news! This message is recorded in the Bible in Luke chapter 2, verse 11. This is part of what the angel said:

**SLIDE: 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).*

I love so many things about Christmastime. I’d like to know what your favorite things about this time of year are. Let’s stand up and play a game called “Christmas This or That.” Watch this video which will give you two choices. Shout out your favorite of the two. Ready? Let’s go!

**VIDEO: Christmas This or That**

There’s so much to celebrate at Christmastime, and it’s all about the birth of Jesus, God’s Son. We’re going to talk more about God’s great gift of Jesus today, but before we do that, let me tell you about something amazing we’re doing this year! We’re going through key stories in the entire Bible from cover to cover!

We’re going to go through God’s Big Story in the Bible together so we can get to know Him! (*Gesture to slide.*)

**SLIDE: God’s Big Story**

Today, we’re continuing our journey through the Bible. And today is our first time in the New Testament—this week’s true story is in the book of Luke.

God had been planning His great rescue for a long, long time.

Ever since the Garden of Eden, when Adam and Eve fell under that curse of sin, and the whole world couldn't be close to God anymore, God promised that He was going to rescue us so we could be close to Him.

And at just the right time, after years and years and years, something amazing happened! That's what our true story from the Bible is all about! Let's get started!

### **VIDEO: Bible Story**

Wow. God loves you so very much that He worked for years and years and years to bring about His great rescue.

This Christmas, remember God's love. Remember that He didn't let anything get in His way to send you the gift of Jesus. Even though Zechariah and Elizabeth were old, God brought them the baby they wanted! And Mary was going to be the mom of God's Son? That's impossible for us, but not for God! God was making it very clear that He was the One behind the first Christmas. And nothing was going to stand in His way to send you your Rescuer.

When we celebrate Christmas, we're not just celebrating a holiday. We're celebrating God's love! God loves you so much He sent you Jesus!

God loves you so very much. That's why **God always had a plan to send Jesus.**

This Christmas, every time you see a decoration or anything Christmas, remember God's great love for you. The whole world is having a party because God gave us the greatest gift! Every time you see a twinkle light, or a Christmas cookie, or a candy cane, you can think, 'It's a big celebration because God sent Jesus. He loves me!

Let's talk to God who loves us so much He worked for years and years to send Jesus.

God, thank You that You always had a plan to send Jesus. You never intended for our relationship with You to stay broken, and You put a plan together that unfolded over hundreds of years so we could be close to You again. Thank You for sending Jesus to show us how much You love us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

**CHECK THE TIME: There should be around 25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part, but remind kids who have offering to place it in the container.**

Our offering is going to Shady Oaks Camp for People with Disabilities in Homer Glen, IL. Their mission is to give kids and adults the same kind of camp experience that kids without disabilities can enjoy. And the cool thing is that there are people who go to church here at Parkview who attend this camp! Let's meet one right now.

**VIDEO: Missions Night 2 (Runtime:)**

Wow! You can see how much Shady Oaks Camp means to Richard and his mom Sallie, and LOTS of people who live around here! I'm so excited that we are raising money to help Shady Oaks provide summer camps for people with disabilities! Bring your money up if you brought it.

**SLIDE: Theme**