

CITY SG – December 13th- 14th, 2025

Today's Bible Story: Jesus Is Born • *Luke 2:1-20*

Today's Bottom Line: Jesus is the greatest gift.

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: No supplies

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, and ask them about their Christmas plans!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Explain the game:
- Choose a kid to think of one Christmas-themed object.
- If the kid is stumped, here are some suggestions.
 - wreath
 - angel
 - manger
 - tree
 - lights
- Direct the rest of the group to ask "yes" or "no" questions to guess the object.
- Feel free to play an example round or be ready to suggest questions as hints.
- Use a timer for 2-3 minutes, or set a limit of 20 questions.
- Continue playing until each kid has had a chance to think of an object.

Say, "Jesus is the greatest gift! Let's go to Large Group so we can hear about this great gift God gave us because He loves us so much!"

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Christmas Bingo

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Christmas Bingo cards and chips, prize bin

What You Do:

- Pass out the bingo cards and chips.
- Let them know you will review the story as you play bingo.
- As a Christmas symbol is called, ask kids to review what it has to do with the Christmas story.
- As kids win, let them pick a prize.
- Play several rounds.
- If any kids haven't won, let them pick a prize.

2. Pass the Gift

Application Activity

What You Need: Small box like a Christmas present (one per bin)

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Explain that you're going to play a game like "hot potato," but with a gift.
- Start some Christmas music on your phone or sing and instruct the kids to pass the wrapped gift around the circle.
- When the music stops, encourage the kid holding the gift to share one reason Jesus is the greatest gift to them.
 - If they can't think of something, maybe ask them to share in general what or who is the greatest gift in their life, and help them connect how that person or thing is a gift from Jesus.
 - Younger kids may need a prompt like: "Because Jesus loves me," "Because Jesus forgives me," "Because Jesus came for everyone," or "Because Jesus helps me."
- Continue until every kid has shared.
- Say, "The toys, games, and clothes we get at Christmas are fun, but they don't last forever. But Jesus is a gift that lasts forever. Jesus gives us love that never ends, joy that never runs out, forgiveness that we could never earn, and a friendship that lasts forever.
- That's why we say: **[Bottom Line] Jesus is the greatest gift.** Jesus is the reason we celebrate Christmas, and He is the very best gift God could ever give."

3. Good News Gazette

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, "Good News Gazette" Activity Page with the verse (one per kid), markers

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 from a Bible 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
- Give each child a copy of the "Good News Gazette" Activity Page.
- Set out the markers..
- Explain that today, they get to be "reporters" writing the greatest news story of all time: the announcement of Jesus' birth!
- Guide the kids to fill in the missing words of the verse on their page, using their opened Bibles as a reference.
- Encourage the kids to decorate their page.
- When they finish, let them hold up their "front page" and read the verse aloud together as the headline news.

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 Jesus, You are so amazing. You really are the greatest gift—better than anything we have received or will receive. We know that even when Christmas is over, You will still be the greatest gift to us, every single day. Thank You for coming to earth to save us. Help us not to forget how much You love us. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults remind the kids to always remember that **Jesus is the greatest gift!** Encourage the kids to tell their grown-ups how important it is to know what Christmas is about—Jesus!