



WEEK ONE – DECEMBER 2025 – SECOND/THIRD

Bible Story: *Jesus is Promised* | Isaiah 9:6-7; Micah 5:2

Bottom Line: *Jesus is good news for everyone.*

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)

Insight: *Design of God’s Creation – What I see around me reveals a Creator who cares about me*

Application: *Commitment – Making a plan and putting it into practice*

Series Overview: It’s time once more to “let every heart repair a broom” and “sleep in heavenly peas.” Even though there can be confusion around some of the classic carols, every kid knows that Christmas is a time to celebrate. And we have the incredible privilege of explaining why! You may be teaching the Christmas story for the fourth time (or twenty fourth), but it’s still fresh and new for the kids in your ministry. Even though some of them may have heard the story every year, that doesn’t mean they yet understand how the birth of Baby Jesus two thousand years ago changes everything for us today. We’ll explore how God had a plan from the very beginning to send Jesus and how all of history leads up to that point. In the stories of Mary and Zechariah, in the birth of Jesus, and in the visits of the shepherds and the wise men, we see how God’s perfectly orchestrated story was cause for celebration then... and how it’s just as much reason for us to celebrate today!

8:45 - 9:05 | 10:45 – 11:05 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

Connection Centers

Connect: a time that invites kids to share with others and leaders

What You Need: Activity Bins + Coloring Sheets (find on your shelves in space)

What You Do:

- *PRE-CONNECTION TIME*
 - **Before kids arrive, pray for your group before they arrive. Pray for your group before they arrive. Pray for kids who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God for keeping His promise to send Jesus, our great rescue! Ask God to fill the room with excitement as you get ready to share the good news about Jesus. Pray that every child would hear, believe, and celebrate that Jesus came for them, no matter who they are or where they're from. Invite the Holy Spirit to help kids understand that Jesus is the best news ever!**
- *DURING CONNECTION TIME*
 - Greet each child by name and with a high five or fist bump!
 - **Make sure to grab second sticker from the child + place it on your sticker sheet**
 - Invite kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
 - Pull out your activity bins + set aside some coloring sheets for kids to partake in your small group space
 - Ask questions in order to connect with + get to know your few as you partake in activities alongside them...you can use these :
 - ***“If you could invent a new, silly holiday tradition for your family, what would it be?”***
 - ***What is your favorite movie, song, or book that you only get to enjoy around the holidays***

- *What is one way you can show extra kindness to someone in your family this month?*
- *What is the best thing to do when you are stuck inside on a cold or snowy day?*
- *Tell us about something small that brings you big joy (happiness) right now.*
- *AFTER CONNECTION TIME*
 - *Use this time to review over how to be successful in small group time as well as Flatirons Kids by using the SG Structure 101 sheet featured on your activity shelf*
 - Go over each rule to create a great small group experience
 - Transition into the Opening Small Group Activity

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | OPENING SMALL GROUP

OPENING ACTIVITY

What You Need: Prepared “Newsfeed” posterboard; “News Headline Cards” Activity Pages

What You Do:

- Before the kids arrive, hide the “News Headline Cards” around the room.
 - *NOTE: Tape them on the walls or scatter them around the floor.*
- 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.
- Explain the game:
 - “Today we’re going on a News Hunt! Do you know what a headline is? It’s like the title of a book or a story. It’s meant to give you a clue to what the news or story is about. These news headlines are clues that will help us discover the BEST news ever. When you find one, bring it to me so we can add it to our ‘newsfeed’ board. These news

headlines will help us figure out what today’s Bible Story is all about!”

- Explain that headlines are like little titles for a BIG story.
- Let kids search the room to find headline cards.
- When they find one, help them tape it to the “Newsfeed” posterboard.
- Once all the headlines are found, read them aloud together and wonder together about what today’s good news might be about.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- To adjust to the mobility needs of your group, place the cards and posterboard on a table and let the kids look at them from a seated position.

What You Say:

“Whoa! You all found so many news headlines! These headlines all point to something BIG. It’s actually the most exciting news, ever! A long time ago, God promised He would send someone very special ... the world needed rescue, and this person would bring hope, joy, and love to the whole world. These news headlines give us clues about who that someone is. *[Transition]* **I can’t wait for us to hear more in our true Bible Story today. Let’s head to Large Group so we can hear the full story about the greatest news ever ... news that’s for EVERYONE!**”

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 | LARGE GROUP

To start off the month, though, we’re hopping back in time to look at the most important prophecies of Jesus’ birth. Isaiah lived in a tumultuous time as the northern kingdom of Israel was destroyed and enemies closed in on Judah. But God gave Isaiah words of hope and peace for God’s people then... and for the whole world. “A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. His rule will be based on what is fair and right. It will last forever.” That news makes me want to cheer! Then Micah points to a ruler who would be born in Bethlehem. More incredible news.

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 | SMALL GROUP

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

[Live for God | Application Activity]

What You Need: “Newspaper” Activity Page; coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Give every kid a “Newspaper” Activity Page card.
- Read the headline on each card together. (*[Bottom Line] Jesus is Good News for everyone!*)
- Set out the coloring supplies.
- 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!
- *[Make It Personal] (Share an age-appropriate example of a time you shared the good news of Jesus with someone!)*

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- If a child doesn’t feel ready to name a specific person, they can draw a group of people and continue to think about it.
- Consider pairing kids together if writing or drawing is a challenge. One can share the idea while the other does the drawing/writing.

What You Say:

“Wow, this headline says: Jesus is good news for everyone! That means He 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.

“This week, pray for the one person you wrote or drew about today. Think about how you can share the Good News that Jesus loves them with them this week.

[Bottom Line] Jesus is good news for everyone. This season, there are Christmas decorations everywhere, and a lot of ways you can start a conversation about the Good News of Jesus. He is the real reason for the season. Every light, every tree, every Christmas party is celebrating Him! You can use the Christmas things that are all around you this season to help you start a conversation about Jesus!”

VERSE IN MOTION

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Activity]

What You Need: Bibles; “Verse Motions” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Divide the kids into groups of two.
- Give each pair of kids a Bible marked at Luke 2:11.
- Demonstrate how to look up the verse using the Bible Navigation Tips.
 - ***Finding verses for 2-3rd graders:** Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. When they find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page. When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the correct chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.*
- 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. (The NIrV and NIV are very similar.)
 - “Today in the town of David” (*point to the ground*)
 - “a Savior has been born to you.” (*pretend to rock a baby*)
 - “He is the Messiah” (*point one hand up*)
 - “the Lord.” (*point both hands up*)
 - “Luke 2:11” (*open hands like holding an open Bible*)
- 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.
- Repeat the Memory Verse several times with the motions so it sticks!
- Ask:
 - “Who is the Savior this verse is talking about?”
 - “What does it mean that Jesus is good news for everyone?”
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Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- To adjust to the mobility needs of your group, perform the motions from a seated position.
- Use the dry-erase marker and dry-erase board to make the verse visible for the kids.

What You Say:

“Great job, everyone! This verse is like a special delivery straight from God’s heart to us. It tells us that Jesus, God’s Son, was born for YOU! Not just for the people in the Bible, not just for grown-ups, but for everyone! That means the Savior, the Rescuer God promised, came because He loves you and wants you to know Him. How incredible is that? Let’s keep practicing our verse with these motions so we can remember in our heads AND in our hearts that ***[Bottom Line]*** **Jesus is good news for everyone!”**

PRAYER TIME

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

What You Need: Sticky notes; pencils; “Newsfeed” Posterboard from Opening Activity

What You Do:

- B Gather the kids together in a circle.
- Give each kid a sticky note and a pencil.
- Explain that prayer is a conversation they can have with God anytime, anywhere, about anything!
- Invite them to draw or write a prayer to God.
- Ask: What is something you want to thank God for or ask for help with?
- Once the kids have written or drawn their prayer, encourage them to place it in the center of the circle.
- *Optional: If you completed the Opening Activity, have the kids place the sticky notes on the “Newsfeed” posterboard.*
- Pray together, thanking God for sending Jesus and asking Him to help us share the good news with everyone.
- Close in prayer.

What You Say:

“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!"

[As adults arrive to pick up, remind them to pray for the person they drew on their newspaper card! Encourage the kids to tell their grown-ups how they plan to share the good news of Jesus with that person.]