



WEEK ONE – DECEMBER 2025 – KINDER/FIRST

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 had a giant bag of candy canes, who would you give the first one to?”***
 - ***If you could give a gift to the baby Jesus, what would you give Him? (It doesn't have to be a toy!)***

- *What is your favorite decoration you put up at home?*
- *Would you rather build a snowman or have a snowball fight?*
- *If you were a big, fluffy snowflake, where would you want to land?*
- *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: Candy canes

What You Do:

- Explain to kids that they will each hunt for three candy canes.
- Give them any necessary parameters for their search, such as staying in the room, not looking in certain cabinets, etc.
- After the kids have found their three candy canes, direct them to come back, sit down, and wait for the rest of the kids to find their three candy canes.
- Challenge the kids to keep one candy cane but share the other two with their family or friends when they get home.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Place candy canes at a level and location that's accessible for all children in your group.

What You Say:

“Great job of searching for the candy canes! Some of those were tricky to find. **[Transition]** Let’s head to Large Group and hear a story about some people who had been searching and waiting for something or Someone for a long time.”

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

STAND OR SIT

[Talk About God | Bible Story Review]

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Tell the kids: “If I say something God promised about Jesus, stand up. If it’s NOT something God promised, sit down.”
- Use these example statements: (Feel free to add more!)
 - “A Savior would be born in Bethlehem.” (*stand—Micah said the Savior would be born in Bethlehem.*)

- “The Savior would be a forever King.” (*stand—Isaiah said the Savior would reign on David’s throne forever.*)
- “The Savior would ride a bicycle.” (*sit*)
- “A child would be called Wonderful Adviser, Mighty God, Father Who Lives Forever, Prince Who Brings Peace.” (*stand—Those are the names that Isaiah shared.*)
- “The Savior would be born in a giant castle.” (*sit*)
- “The Savior would bring peace.” (*stand—Isaiah said that the peace the Savior brings would never end.*)
- “The Savior would be a great soccer player.” (*sit*)
- After each one, explain why it’s true or false according to what Isaiah and Micah said.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Use thumbs-up and thumbs-down if not all children can sit and stand easily.

What You Say:

“Long before the first Christmas, way back in the Garden of Eden, God made two people who were His close friends. But then they chose to sin, and a curse entered the whole world. 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 our close friend! He made people to be His close friends!

“So He put His rescue plan in motion. And through years and years, God faithfully worked on His rescue plan. God spoke through His prophets, including the two we read about today, Isaiah and Micah, giving big promises to His people about His great rescue plan.

“Isaiah said a child would be born who would be called Wonderful Adviser, Mighty God, Father Who Lives Forever, and Prince Who Brings Peace. God hinted that He was going to rescue the world through a child, a baby! Micah gave the exact place, Bethlehem, where the Savior would be born. The Savior was the

rescuer that would break that awful curse of sin the world was under. God did not just give random promises. Every detail was perfectly planned.

“The Christmas story is not just about a baby in a manger. It’s about God keeping His promise! That promise was for the whole world, and it was for you. Jesus came to rescue us, love us, and give us peace. We can celebrate because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is good news for everyone!**”

“This season, there are Christmas decorations all around you. What are some Christmas decorations you see around you? *(Pause for responses.)* Wow! Those are awesome! The whole world is having a party! That’s because whether or not people believe it, they’re celebrating Jesus. Jesus is the true reason for the season. God sent His Son to save the world! So **[Bottom Line] Jesus is good news for everyone!**”

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 with kindergartners:*** Guide children to open their Bibles to the marked page. Point to the book name at the top of the page as you say it aloud. Then, guide children to find the big number on the page—this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big number for the little number; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read it aloud. Then, lead everyone to say the verse together.
 - ***Finding verses with 1st 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. You can help by pointing out the first few letters of the book's name. When the kids 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 right 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.
 - 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!”
- Invite the kids to stand in a circle.
- Use the “Verse Motions” Activity Page to teach the motions to the kids. (The NIV and NIV are the same.)
 - “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*)
- Walk through the motions slowly, until the kids have learned them.
- Repeat the verse with the motions for several rounds.
- Ask:
 - “Who is the Savior this verse is talking about?”

- “What does it mean that Jesus is good news for everyone?”

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Print “Verse Motions” Activity Pages to support visual learners and readers who want to follow along on their own copies of the motions.

What You Say:

“Great job learning our Memory Verse! This verse is so important because it tells us the GOOD NEWS the angel shared with the shepherds. The angel didn’t say, ‘A Savior has been born for just some people.’ He said, ‘a Savior has been born to YOU.’ That means Jesus came for every single person—moms, dads, brothers, sisters, friends, neighbors, and YOU.

“Who do you think this verse is talking about? *(Pause for kids to answer: Jesus.)* That’s right, Jesus! He’s the Savior, the Rescuer, the forever King.

“Why is this such good news? *(Pause for responses.)* Because Jesus didn’t just come for important people or special people. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is good news for everyone!** He came to break that curse of sin so everyone could be close friends with God!”

PRAYER TIME

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Before you pray, ask the kids to name something someone has promised them before.
 - *Examples: “We’ll go to the park,” “I’ll bake cookies,” “We’ll have a playdate.”*
- As they share, respond briefly to a few, then say:

- “Sometimes people keep promises right away, and sometimes we have to wait. But God always keeps His promises, even if it takes a long time. We learned today that God promised a Savior hundreds of years before Jesus was born, and every part of His promise came true. He worked for years and years and years to make His great rescue plan happen because He loves everyone!”
- Invite the kids to think of one thing they want to thank God for and one thing they want to ask Him for.
- Give the kids a moment to pray silently on their own.
- Close in prayer.

What You Say:

“God, thank You for always keeping Your promises. Thank You for sending Jesus, just like You said You would, to be our Savior so we could be close to You. We know that You have a plan, and that You hear every prayer we pray. Please help us to trust You while we wait for Your answers, just like Your people trusted You while they waited for Jesus. As we see anything Christmas this year, help us remember that we are celebrating what You did for us. The world is having a party because You love us! Jesus is good news for everyone! We love You too, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

[[As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share one promise from today’s Bible Story that God kept and remind the kids to share that [Bottom Line] Jesus is good news for everyone.]