

LOWER ELEMENTARY

DECEMBER WEEK 2

Notes

- Yellow highlighted text are cues for audio and visual slides.
- Game, Worship, and the Bible verse from the stage
- Intro and Bible story are on video.

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

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WORSHIP

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Today's Bible Story

Gabriel Visits Mary Luke 1:5-66

Bottom Line

God always had a plan to send Jesus.

Conversation Starter

What are your plans this Christmas?

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**



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

WELCOME

(Welcome kids)

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatirons Kids! I'm so excited to see you here today!

Show Series Graphic: Extra Extra!

This month, we're digging into Extra Extra by building confidence in God block by block. Placing our trust and confidence in God is something that we learn by doing it! We all need practice. And in today's story, we'll meet a guy who REALLY needed some practice. In fact, instead of trusting God, he ran away and found himself in a fishy situation.

GAME TIME

Show Game: Christmas This Way or That Way: Christmas Edition

Okay, I'm going to need everyone standing for today's game! Let's play 'This Way or That Way: Christmas Edition!'

I'll show you some of our favorite Christmas-y items on the screen. Decide which is your favorite and move to that side of the room. Ready? Let's play!

Show Game Slides: 1-7 Christmas This Way or That Way: Christmas Edition

That was so fun! Before we hear our Bible story, let's worship together!

WORSHIP

One of the ways we worship is by giving praise and honor to God by singing and dancing. Now, it's your time to jump in and give all you've got as we worship! You can follow along with the moves or worship in your own way. Let's sing!

Show Worship: 2 Songs

Great work, everyone! I love worshipping God with all of you. Let's go ahead and sit down and get ready for our Bible Story today.

INTRO

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We're getting closer and closer to Christmas! Merry Christmas, everyone! Can you feel the joy in the air? That's because this season we celebrate that God gave us the greatest gift—Jesus! Whether or not the world knows it, Jesus is the reason for all of this joy! “And God was working on His plan to give us the great gift of Jesus for a long, long time—that's what we're going to look at today! [Bottom Line] God always had a plan to send Jesus.

This year we're going through the story of the entire Bible together! God really loves us, and part of the reason He gave us the Bible is so we can know who He is.

(HOLD UP BIBLE.) This week, 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. Let's check it out our Bible story!

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK 2 StoryLab

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: Extra Extra!

Jesus, God's Son Himself, came to rescue us so we could be close to God again. That's what makes Christmas such good news. The story of Jesus' birth is one that we can carry in our hearts all year long. God loves us so much that He sent us Jesus! God always had a plan to send Jesus ... and He did! That's our Bottom Line for today:

Show Graphic: WK 2_Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] God always had a plan to send Jesus.

Say that with me! **(Repeat with leaders and kids)**

This Christmas, remember God's love. Remember that He didn't let anything get in His way to send you the gift of Jesus. An old couple having a child, a young girl having God's Son—that's impossible for us, but not for Him! God was making it very clear that He was the One behind the first Christmas.

When we celebrate Christmas, we're not just celebrating a holiday. We're celebrating the faithful love of God that came to us through Jesus.

This month's memory verse reminds us of this truth:

Show Verse: Luke 2:11 NIrV

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Let’s say it together! (Repeat with leaders and kids)

This Christmas, every time you see a decoration, remember God’s great love for you. The whole world is having a party because God gave us the greatest gift!

Let’s pray and ask God to help us see His great love and celebrate the gift of Jesus this Christmas.

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for Your perfect plan that brought Jesus to us. Help us to trust You more and to share Your love with the people around us this Christmas. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)