



UPPER ELEMENTARY

DECEMBER WEEK 1

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

- Bible

WORSHIP

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Today's Bible Story

Jesus Is Promised
Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2

Bottom Line

Jesus is good news for everyone.

Conversation Starter

What's the best news you've ever heard?

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**



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!

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Extra! Extra! Read all about it! God sent His Son because He loves us! Hey, friends! Welcome to [Name of environment]. This month, we're gearing up for a very special time of year. That's right—Christmas! We're discovering how Jesus is the best gift we could ever receive. This whole month, we're going to celebrate the good news of Jesus' birth!

Christmas is a time filled with lights, decorations, and songs that fill the air with joy. It's a time when we give and receive presents, showing love to our family and friends. But the greatest gift of all doesn't come wrapped in shiny paper or with a big bow. It's the gift of Jesus, and during this season, we'll learn all about why He is so important and special.

GAME TIME

Game: CHRISTMAS SHUFFLE

Before we dive into learning more about God's great gift, we're going to start off with something super-fun! Let's get started with our game called 'Christmas Shuffle.' This game is all about celebrating the gift of Jesus by moving with joy!

Here's what you need for our game today: Just your smile and some space to move around. That's it!

Here's how you play: I'm going to call out a Christmas/ wintertime activity, and when I say 'freeze,' you will freeze into a frozen version of that activity.

Okay, are you ready? Let's all spread out so we've got room to move. (Pause as the kids spread out.)

Great! Now that we've all got room to move, let's play our first round!

→ For round one, call out a wintertime activity. (Several are listed below.) Comment on the action, then say, "freeze," and comment on the kids' poses.

→ Play several rounds.

Christmas/wintertime activities: (Feel free to add your own.)

- Open a gift → Make a snowman
- Decorate a Christmas tree
- Wrap a gift → Drink hot chocolate
- Warm yourself by the fire → Have a snowball fight
- Decorate Christmas cookies → Go caroling

Great job! That was so winter-y and Christmas-y!! I want to grab a candy cane just because I felt the season so much through you guys! Please take a seat. **(Pause as the kids sit down.)**

There are so many things this season that we can celebrate! But one of the greatest things we can celebrate is God and how He sent His Son, Jesus, for us. God loves us so much! But before we learn about God's great gift in Jesus, let's lift our voices and worship God together!

WORSHIP

Let's celebrate Jesus, God's greatest gift to us. God gave us Jesus because He loves us so much! Worship is giving praise and honor to God by singing and dancing. 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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This month, we're celebrating the good news of Jesus' birth! This year we're going through key stories in the Bible from cover to cover! One of the reasons God gave us the Bible is so that we can get to know Him.

(HOLD UP BIBLE.) We've reached the part of the Bible where God is about to give us the greatest gift—Jesus! Did you know that God ALWAYS had a plan to send Jesus to the world? Let's check it out in our Bible story video!

BIBLE TRUTH

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APPLICATION

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Well, as we just saw, the Christmas story isn't just about a baby in a manger, it's about a promise that God kept. Before the shepherds, the star, even Mary and Joseph, God had a plan to rescue us. And that plan is Jesus. He's the reason we celebrate Christmas. God loves you so much He sent you Jesus!

So let's celebrate Jesus this Christmas. He is the best gift ever—the best gift from a God who loves you so, so much that He worked for years and years to bring you a rescue. And this gift is not just for you—it's for everyone! That's our Bottom Line for today:

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[BOTTOM LINE] Jesus is good news for everyone.

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

we've heard all about the incredible promises God made long before Jesus was born. God promised a special baby would come—a baby who would grow up to be our Savior, the one who could break that awful curse. That was the promise that God had made long, long ago, He was going to send our Savior! And when Jesus came, He was that promise come true!

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)

And guess what? It's not just a story from the past. Jesus is still good news today, for me and you! It isn't just for some people; it's for everyone. That's why we say Jesus is good news for everyone. And that's what Christmas is all about—celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

We can celebrate by remembering and sharing this good news. Tell your friends and family that Jesus came for all of us. Let's make Him the center of our story, not just at Christmas, but every day.

As you go to your small groups, think about this question:

SLIDE: Wk1Conversation Starter

What's the best news you've ever heard? Think about that, and let's talk about why Jesus being born is such good news for us. Let's talk to the God who loves us so much, He worked for years and years to send us Jesus.

PRAYER

God, thank You for giving us the best gift ever—Jesus. Help us to celebrate Him not just during Christmas, but every day. And help us to share the great news of Jesus. You are so good, and You love us all. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

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(Dismiss kids to their small groups)