

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Send Me an Angel

An Angel Appears to  
Mary and Joseph  
Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

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that God is with you?

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Christmas—Celebrating Jesus,  
God's greatest gift

### BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

### PRELUDE: Setting the Tone for the Experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Check out our Pinterest page here <https://bit.ly/447HSZi> for a visual on some of the activities.

Check out our Small Group Leader Conversation Guides to guide you through salvation conversations: <https://bit.ly/4daxSUg>

### SMALL GROUP

15  
MIN

#### SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Just for Fun  
Opening Activity

### LARGE GROUP

35  
MIN

#### STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

#### WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

Welcome/Opener  
Worship  
Bible Story (Communicator Script)  
Key Question  
Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

25  
MIN

#### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot  
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions  
Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You  
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

### HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)  
Devotionals for Kids  
Parent Cue App

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

**MADE TO CONNECT**

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding



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**2. OPENING ACTIVITY**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paper, markers, "Picture It" Activity Page

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Gather the kids together in your group space and set out paper and markers.
- Invite a kid to the front of your space and give them a card from the "Picture It" Activity Page.
- Instruct them to keep their card a secret for now.
- Explain to the group that the kid with the card will guide them to draw an image by sharing steps but not the name of what they are to draw.
- Explain the following as an example:
  - If the image on the card was a flower, the kid could give the following instructions:
    - Draw one large circle.
    - Add 5 smaller circles around the edges of the first circle.
    - Draw a long line at the bottom of the large circle.
    - Add 2 oval shapes connected to the line.
- Point out that in the example, words directly related to the picture such as petals, leaves, flowers, or a stem were not used.
- Encourage the rest of the group not to share their guess until all directions have been given and everyone is done drawing.
- Invite kids to take turns choosing a card and giving drawing directions as the rest of the group follows along.
- Assist kids as needed with sharing clues about their pictures.
- Have the kid reveal the picture on the card to the group.
- Let the group display their drawings and determine whose drawing resembles closest to the image described.
- Repeat as interest and time allow or until all cards are complete.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"When someone describes something but you can't see it, can you know for sure what it is? You all did a great job drawing the images your friends were describing. All the images in our game were things you've seen before. Some of you could picture them in your mind before the instructions were complete! Can you imagine trying to picture something you've never seen before? **[Transition]** In today's Bible story, someone was given a description of something that had never happened before or been seen by anyone—EVER! Let's go to Large Group and find out what it was."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



# CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST



LET HEAVEN AND NATURE SING



WEEK  
**TWO**

DECEMBER 2024

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO CONNECT

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## 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- What helps you remember that God is with you?
- What has God done to make it possible for our relationship to be restored?
- Is there anything that keeps you from remembering that God is with you?

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**MADE TO REFLECT**

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



**5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER**  
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paper and markers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Gather the kids together in your group space.
- Hand each kid a marker.
- Use a marker to write "Immanuel" in big letters on a piece of paper.
- Remind kids that the name Immanuel means "God with us."
- Pass the paper around and invite kids to take turns writing their names as close as they can to the word "Immanuel."
- Let the kids know they can write anywhere near the name.
  - For example, alongside a letter, on top of the name, around it, etc.
- Encourage a kid who is willing to pray aloud to thank God for being near to us and with us no matter what.
- Close your group in prayer.

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