



At Home Christmas!

Luke 2:1-20

God Statement: Jesus is God's Gift

KEY VERSE: "A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. He will rule over us. And he will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God."
(Isaiah 9:6a, NIRV)

EXPLORE ACTIVITY

The Explore Activity is a chance to get the kids thinking about the upcoming Bible story for the day. Encourage your kids to engage with the activity as they prepare for the lesson.

DISCUSS: Jesus is God's Gift

In today's lesson, we are going to learn about how Jesus is God's Gift.

SAY:

It's Christmas! It's Jesus' birthday. Let's say "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" What God Statement have you been learning about at Woodmen Kids? Jesus is God's Gift, that's right! What does that mean? *Pause for response and allow kids to talk through what they've learned this month about Jesus being God's gift to us.*

MAKE: Paper Nativity Craft

To get the kids thinking about the lesson, they can do this activity!

****If you already have this nativity from the Family Christmas bag, skip to the second activity****

Supplies: attached paper nativity template, scissors, crayons/markers

Say: *We're going to talk about the Nativity story today, but before we do that, we've got to get ready to tell this story. We're going to work together to cut out and color this nativity to help illustrate our Bible lesson.*

Directions: Print one nativity template (see attached). Work together to color and cut out this nativity set, which will be used later to tell the story.

PLAY: Christmas Parade

To get the kids thinking about the lesson, they can do this activity!

Supplies: Christmas music, musical instruments (if you have any), scarves or ribbons

Say: *We're celebrating Jesus' birthday today! One way we can celebrate His birthday is by singing and dancing in celebration. Let's have a Christmas parade around our house to celebrate Jesus.*

Directions: Use whatever instruments/scarves you have in your house to put on a Christmas parade. Get creative! Pick one kid (or parent) to be the "leader" of the parade and have everyone else follow the leader as they lead around the house doing different dance motions that everyone must follow. Have your kids parade around the house to Christmas music as you praise Jesus. Finish your parade by singing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus!

TEACH YOUR KIDS

The "Teach Your Kids" time is an opportunity to engage in worship, the Bible lesson, and worship response. Find a cozy space in your house, like by your Christmas tree or fireplace, to gather your family as you begin this time. If you have older kids, find ways to allow them to lead parts of the lesson, such as reading the passages from the Bible or "leading" their siblings in worship.

Say: I'm really excited to spend time with you today talking about the very special birthday we celebrate on Christmas. Whose birthday, is it? Jesus! Before we start, let's pray together!

Pray to open worship and teaching together.

WORSHIP

Use the worship video links provided on the Woodmen Kids Curriculum page (woodmenvalley.org/kids-curriculum) to participate in worship. Choose 2-3 songs to sing and dance with your kids.

Say: Let's sing some songs to Jesus together. Do you want to help me pick our worship songs today? Who wants to lead us as we sing together?

BIBLE STORY – Christmas Story (Luke 2:1-20)

The Bible Story time is when we get to learn about the Big God Story. Gather everyone around your Christmas tree as you tell the Christmas story.

Supplies: Paper nativity set (or other nativity set), Bible (kid or adult)

Directions: Utilize the paper nativity set to tell the Christmas story as found in Luke 2:1-20. Be creative in how you tell the story – have your kids help act it out with dress up clothes and props, use a special Christmas Nativity book, have older kids read the story from their own Bibles, etc.

Say: Let's read the Christmas story together! We're going to learn about the greatest gift of all, Jesus! Before we do that, can one of you pray for us?

Read/act out the Christmas story found in Luke 2:1-20 together.

Say: Wow, Jesus really is the greatest gift of all. He is God's Son, but God sent him down from heaven just for you and me, to save us! Jesus loves us so much!

SAY IT OUT LOUD!

This is the opportunity to remind the children of the God Statement for the day.

We are learning that Jesus is our King! *Have the kids shout it out together multiple times. "Jesus is our King!"*

WORSHIP RESPONSE

Worship Response is an opportunity for the kids to apply what they just learned and to respond to what God is doing in their life. *Have the kids sit in a place where they can be still and reflect independently.* Then read through the Worship Response prompts below as you lead your kids through the time.

Supplies: soft worship music

Say: Sometimes, Christmas can feel really exciting and busy. We get to do fun activities, see family, open presents, and more. It's so fun! But, in the busyness of it all, it can be easy for us to forget why we celebrate Christmas. We celebrate because of the gift God gave us, the gift of His Son. Sometimes, the best way we can celebrate is by taking time to pause from the busyness and listen to God. Let's all find a cozy spot to lay down for a minute and close our eyes.

Turn on soft worship music and encourage your kids to lay down with their eyes closed.

Say: As we lay down, let's quiet our bodies and listen to God.

Use this time to model to your kids what it looks like to be still and listen. They may move around a bit or only last 30 seconds, but even if it feels awkward, just by pausing for a moment, we are allowing the Holy Spirit space to speak.

Say: You did such a good job sitting quietly and listening to God. Did anyone hear something they want to share? If not, that's okay! Maybe next time. The important thing is that we paused for a moment to think about and practice listening to God. He is our greatest gift of all! He loves us!

Pray to thank Jesus for loving us.

RESPOND ACTIVITY

Optional

PLAY: Wrapping Paper Snowball Toss

Supplies: used wrapping paper or tissue paper, baskets/buckets

Directions: Gather your used wrapping paper/tissue paper to make snowballs. Place baskets/buckets around the house and have kids try to throw their snowballs in them. Make the competition harder by placing the baskets/buckets in difficult locations.

BLESSING

Give your child a blessing. You can place your hand on your child's head or shoulder. Look them in the eye. Say:

(Child's name), may always remember that Jesus came to earth because He loves YOU. Jesus is God's gift to us! Jesus loves YOU."

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