

At Home Christmas!

God's Covenant with David & the New Covenant (Jesus!)

God Statement: God is Covenant Keeper

KEY VERSE: "The Lord Himself will give you a sign. And he will be called Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14, 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? God is Covenant Keeper, that's right! What does that mean? *Pause for response and allow kids to talk through what they've learned this month about God being a Covenant Keeper, what covenants God made, and why they are so important to us (hint: they all pointed to Jesus coming to save us!).*

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.

Say: Let's play a silly game together! Gather all the wrapping paper/tissue paper in our house! And we're going to have a snowball toss!

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 watch the Christmas story.

Supplies: Use the Bible lesson video provided on the Woodmen Kids Curriculum page (woodmenvalley.org/kids-curriculum) to teach the Bible lesson

Play the Christmas Bible lesson on the website.

Say: Wow, God really is covenant keeper! What did you learn about God from that lesson? *Take time to share one thing each person learned about God*.

SAY IT OUT LOUD!

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

We are learning that God is Covenant Keeper! *Have the kids shout it out together multiple times.* **"God is Our Covenant Keeper!"**

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: none

We just heard that God did something really special for us. What did he do? *Let kids respond* – *sent His Son, Jesus, to save us.* God did exactly what He said He would - because God is covenant keeper!

We can celebrate on Christmas, not because of all the fun gifts and yummy food, but because of the most amazing gift of all we could ever receive – Jesus! Who gave us this gift? *Let kids respond* – *God*! Why would God give us such a special gift? Because He loves us just that much!

PRAISE & WORSHIP ACTIVITY:

Let's take some time to praise God for sending the best gift of all, Jesus, today.

As a family, sing a few songs of praise and worship to God – Joy to the World, Promises by Maverick City Worship, or Star of the Morning by Hillsong Kids (can be found on YouTube).

Use instruments or dance around in praise! Be creative with how you respond and praise God for what He has given us.

Then, spend a few minutes as a family praying together – thank God for what He has given you today.

Pray to thank Jesus for loving us.

RESPOND ACTIVITY

Optional

PLAY: Paper Crown Ornament

Supplies: attached paper crown ornament template (print or draw own using template as example), scissors, crayons/markers, ribbons/jewels/paints – any craft supplies at your house

Directions: Print and cut out crown ornament. Cut a colorful square that is a little bigger than the crown. Glue the crown to the colorful square. Poke a hole in the top and add a

ribbon or string. Decorate the crown ornament. Have kids (or help them) write their name, the date, and the location (Woodmen Kids Christmas from Home) on the back of their ornament to remember it as a keepsake!

Say: Today we got to learn about how God kept His covenant to David by sending the greatest King of all, Jesus! Wow! Let's make an ornament to help us remember that Jesus is the king of kings, and that God kept is covenant by sending him on Christmas day!

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 you always remember that God is covenant keeper! Know that Jesus came to earth because He loves YOU.