



# ADVENT 2024

## PREPARING FOR THE KING

### Toddlers | December 8

#### OPENING

As kids arrive be sure they are engaged in an activity. For the next month, we will be talking all about Christmas and the season of Advent-waiting with anticipation for Jesus the Messiah.

#### NATIVITY SET

The nativity set will be out all month. As kids play with it, talk about each character and who they are and how they relate to the overall story.

#### STORYTIME and SNACK

Gather kids at the table to eat snacks. Watch *The Angel Speaks to Mary and Joseph* (Children's Bible Stories). Stop at "Pause for Storyteller" Ask questions like: What do we celebrate at Christmas? Who was born at Christmas? Jesus the Messiah. God sent Jesus as our Savior and the Savior for the whole world! Pray and thank God for sending Jesus and that we can celebrate that at Christmas time!

### BIBLE STORY

Isaiah 9:6

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### 3-5s | December 8

#### OPENING OPTIONS (first 20 minutes)

- Coloring or Table Activities
- Christmas Tree Spiral Craft: Allow kids to color and add star and ornaments with string to the spiral Christmas tree. Read verse and talk about how this verse is from Isaiah in the Old Testament but it's talking about Jesus and how He will come.

#### BIBLE BOX

- About 20 minutes into the service, clean up and have kids select a carpet stump to sit on.
- Use the Bible Box story to tell the story with Bible Box props
- Worship- Joy to the World by Cedarment Kids or worship in big room.
- Pray together and head into snack time.

#### SNACK

- Gather kids at tables to eat snack
- Snack: Talk about trust - we trust mom and dad to keep us safe, feed us, remember to take us to school and church, etc. When is it easy to trust someone? When is it hard? Remind kids that we can trust Jesus no matter what!

#### CLOSING OPTIONS (as time allows after snack)

- Finish craft or coloring
- Free play

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### Bible Box | December 8

Hello! Thank you for coming to church today! I have a short video for you to watch before we open our Bible Box.

Watch- *The Angel Speaks to Mary and Joseph* (Childrens Bible Stories) Stop where it says "Pause for Storyteller"

Hi everyone, let's see what's in our Bible Box today! Hmm, here's our bible, a halo - that must be for an angel and some stickers. I will pass these out later, ok? You can trust me! Put stickers in front of you.

Trust means you do what you say you are going to do. I said I would give you a sticker later. You can trust me to do what I said I would do.

A long time ago God told his people that He was going to send them a Savior, His Son Jesus, who would change their hearts from mean to clean! But the people waited for such a long time that they did not think God would do what He promised. They stopped trusting God. *Make Sad Face*

Put halo on a student helper. After a long time, God sent an angel to tell Mary she was going to have a baby that was God's son, Jesus, the Savior. Mary did not know how God would make it happen but she trusted Him to do what He said He would do. *Everyone make Praying Hands*

Mary wasn't worried, she felt peaceful or calm, and she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was also having a special baby. They both knew God could be trusted! *Wave Happy Hands*

Pull out Advent Wreath. Advent means waiting for something good to happen. Each candle helps us remember God's promises. Today we celebrate the Candle of Peace - which means we can trust God to do what He promises! *Turn on candle.*

Were you worried I would forget to give you a sticker? Or were you feeling peaceful because you trust me? You can always trust God to do what He says He is going to do!

Prayer: Thank you, God, for sending Jesus so we could have clean hearts that love you!

Pass out stickers!



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### Kinder-1st grade | December 8

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#### LARGE GROUP MESSAGE and WORSHIP

- About 20 minutes into service, we will gather for a large group message and worship. Leave one leader in your room to set out goldfish

#### SMALL GROUP- Immediately following Large Group Teaching.

- What is Advent and why do we celebrate it? (a tradition that helps us prepare and anticipate the coming of Jesus)
- Who are Zechariah and Elizabeth? (a Jewish priest and his wife, righteous in god's eyes, careful to obey the Lord's commands, they had no children, were old)
- What happens when the angel visits Zechariah? (he questioned the angel, he is well along in years, the angel said he would be silent until the child is born)
- Who is the child that Elizabeth would have and what was his purpose? (John the Baptist, he would prepare the way for the Lord)
- What happens when the angel visits Mary? (he says she will also have a son and the Lord is with her; Mary is confused and afraid)
- Who does the angel say this child will be? (read verses 32-33 if needed)
- How does Mary eventually respond? (read verse 38)
- Mary trusts her God and has peace even when she doesn't know the outcome. How can you have peace when you have hard things going on in your life or you are scared?

#### CLOSING (optional)

- Finish Craft
- Advent Bingo: As you draw the Bingo words, ask the question to see if kids can guess the word. Candy as prizes. Give out at the end when a parent is present.

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### 2nd-3rd Grade | December 8

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- Coloring and Table Games
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#### LARGE GROUP MESSAGE and WORSHIP

- About 20 minutes into service, we will gather for a large group message and worship. Leave one leader in your room to set for small group time.

#### SMALL GROUP- Immediately following Large Group Teaching.

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#### CLOSING (optional)

- Advent Bingo: As you draw the Bingo words, ask the question to see if kids can guess the word. Candy as prizes. Give out at the end when a parent is present.
- Finish Craft

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### 3rd Grade | December 8

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- Christmas Tree Spiral Craft: Allow kids to color and add star and ornaments with string to the spiral Christmas tree. Read verse and talk about how this verse is from Isaiah in the Old Testament but it's talking about Jesus and how He will come.

#### LARGE GROUP MESSAGE and WORSHIP

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#### CLOSING (optional)

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### 4th-5th grade | December 8

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#### LARGE GROUP MESSAGE and WORSHIP

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#### SMALL GROUP- Immediately following Large Group Teaching.

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#### CLOSING (optional)

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### Safe Harbor | December 8

#### OPENING OPTIONS (first 20 minutes)

- Coloring or Table Activities
- Christmas Tree Spiral Craft: Allow kids to color and add star and ornaments with string to the spiral Christmas tree. Read verse and talk about how this verse is from Isaiah in the Old Testament but it's talking about Jesus and how He will come.

#### BIBLE BOX

- About 20 minutes into the service, clean up and have kids sit on the carpet.
- Use the Bible Box story to tell the story. We don't have a Bible Box yet for this room and this week the only prop is a Bible
- Pray together.

#### SNACK

- Gather kids at tables to eat snack
- Snack: Talk about trust - we trust mom and dad to keep us safe, feed us, remember to take us to school and church, etc. When is it easy to trust someone? When is it hard? Remind kids that we can trust Jesus no matter what!

#### CLOSING OPTIONS

- Table activities
- Finish Craft

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