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TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Joyful, Joyful

Gabriel Appears to Mary
Luke 1:26-56

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Christmas—Celebrating Jesus,
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BASIC TRUTH

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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.

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SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

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Opening Activity

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STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Welcome/Opener
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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

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HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet kids by name as they arrive and ask them about their week.
- Encourage any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Ask "would you rather" Christmas-style questions below.

Would you rather:

- Have a snowball fight or make a gingerbread house?
- Be able to eat only Christmas cookies or only candy canes this Christmas season?
- Wear a full-zip up snowsuit (even inside) or mittens on your hands every day for a week?
- Eat a huge bowl of figgy pudding or a large slice of last year's fruit cake? (*Figgy pudding is generally a firm sweet and savory cake with a sour-sweet layer of honey, fruits, and nuts and a savory filling of pork sweetmeats.*)
- Have candy cane legs or gumdrop eyes?
- Get one amazing Christmas gift or ten "just okay" gifts?
- Build a snowman or a snow fort?
- Wash your hair with cranberry sauce or mashed potatoes and gravy?
- Have to sing "Jingle Bells" at the top of your lungs every time you walk through a doorway or have to sing "The 12 Days of Christmas" every time someone says "Hello" to you?
- Have Christmas tree tinsel for hair or Christmas tree lights for fingernails?
- String a mile-long popcorn garland or wrap 100 Christmas presents?
- Eat a gingerbread house or live in a gingerbread house?
- Have a partridge in a pear tree or six geese a laying?



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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: "How To: Christmas Edition" Activity Pages, paper, and pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Let the kids choose a partner. Give each pair a "How To: Christmas Edition" Activity Page (*Pairs will have a different page from others, but give the same page to at least two pairs and compare and contrast their steps.*)
- Encourage pairs to think through the steps to complete each activity and draw pictures to show each step.
- Give pairs a few minutes to complete the page.
- Allow each pair to share their steps with the group. Compare and contrast the steps of pairs with the same page.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job, everyone! It's important to have a plan when you build a snowman or make Christmas cookies. **[Transition] Did you know that God has a plan? He does! Come on, let's go!"**

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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* 1. CRAFT STICK NATIVITY—PART 1

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Mary" and "Angel" Activity Pages OR small scraps of fabric/felt/construction paper and fine point markers; six-inch jumbo craft sticks, markers, white glue, clear tape, gold or silver pipe cleaners

NOTE: For the next three weeks, you will create a craft stick nativity, adding different people from that particular week's Bible story to the set. You may choose to send home the angel character. You will need the Mary character next week. So, collect and keep available for next week.

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass out two jumbo craft sticks to each kid to create an angel and Mary from today's Bible story.
- If providing the Activity Pages, give each kid an angel and Mary cut out to color then glue to their sticks.
- If providing scraps of fabric/felt/construction paper, assist the kids in wrapping or gluing a small scrap to each craft stick to create the angel and Mary.
 - Draw a line around the face so kids know where to add the head covering and dress for Mary.
 - They can use their own creative license to make the angel.
- Encourage kids to draw in the facial features with a fine point marker.
- Guide the kids to twist a small piece of the pipe cleaner into a circle to create a halo for the angel and attach to the top of the craft stick with clear tape.
- Once the kids have finished decorating their characters, use the dialogue below as they act-out today's Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Mary was an ordinary girl from an ordinary town. She grew up learning the Jewish scriptures and was engaged to a carpenter named Joseph. She probably had a plan or an idea of how her life would go, but one day, all of that changed. Gabriel, an angel sent from God, appeared to Mary with a VERY special message. God had a big plan for Mary. What was that plan? Mary would have a baby. But not just any baby. Gabriel told her she would have a son named Jesus. He would be great, the Son of the Most-High God.

"The angel also told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, would have a baby even though she was old. All these things seemed impossible to Mary, but still she said, 'I am the Lord's servant. May it be so.' Mary visited Elizabeth and stayed with her for many weeks. Mary was full of joy because God had chosen her to be a part of His BIG plan!



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(*1. CRAFT STICK NATIVITY—PART 1, CONTINUED)

"If you had been Mary, how would you have felt if an ANGEL suddenly appeared to you with a special message? Show me the face you might make if an angel appeared right in front of you! I would probably be frightened at first. (*Show frightened face.*) But then, I would have LOTS of questions. And Mary DID ask questions, but then she said something amazing. You can read it in Luke 1:38. Mary said, 'I serve the Lord. May it happen just as you have said.'

"Mary knew that God's plans were bigger and better than any plan she may have come up with on her own. And she was right! God made you and me for a purpose. Just like God had a plan for Mary, God has a plan for you! **You can have joy because God has a plan for you.**"

[Make it Personal] (Tell your few about a time when God showed you His plan for your life. Maybe you moved to a new city or chose a different college or career because God led you there. Talk about how you found joy by following God's plan for you.)



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2. JOY STEALERS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Throw pillow, cardstock, marker, and masking tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make a "JOY" sign on the cardstock.
- Instruct the kids to sit in a tight circle on the floor.
- Tape the "JOY" sign to the front of the pillow and place it in the center of the circle.
- Read the scenarios below. Each scenario represents a situation where it might be easy to lose our joy.
- The kids will listen to the entire scenario then rush to the center to "steal" the Joy pillow. Once stolen, ask the kid holding the pillow to share how you might turn the scenario around to find joy anyway.
- If the kid with the pillow has trouble coming up with an answer, allow the rest of the group to brainstorm ideas. Some ideas are listed below in case kids are stumped.
- Place the pillow back into the center of the circle and repeat with the remaining scenarios.

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Scenarios:

- Your dad forgot to get the cookies for your holiday party at school. *(You remind him in the car on the way to school, so he makes a quick stop at the store to buy your favorite frosted cookies.)*
- Your mom bought you a different bike than the one you actually wanted. *(You realize the bike is cooler than the one you picked out online.)*
- You dropped the gift you made for your mom at school. *(You ask your teacher if she can help you fix it, and she does.)*
- You forgot to get a gift for your sister for Christmas. *(You decide to make her something this year.)*
- Your little brother ate the rest of the gumdrops, and now you can't finish the roof on your gingerbread house. *(You decide to use cereal to cover the rest.)*
- You built a snowman in the front yard. The next day, the snow melted, and your frosty friend is gone. *(You splash in the puddles left by the melted snow.)*
- Your sister ate the last homemade Christmas cookie. *(You convince your mom to let you help make a new batch of cookies.)*
- Your parents tell you that instead of traveling to your grandparents this year, you'll need to stay home. *(You could video chat with your grandparents or invite them to travel to see you, instead.)*
- Your dog jumps up to catch a fly and knocks over the Christmas tree. *(You get to decorate your tree twice this year!)*
- When you try to use the remote-controlled car you got for Christmas, it won't work. *(Your dad calls the company, and they ship you a new one. In the meantime, you take apart the broken one, figure out why it won't work and fix it. Now, you have TWO remote-controlled cars!)*



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(2. JOY STEALERS, CONTINUED)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Every day, we face situations that could steal our joy. But real joy isn't about things going your way. Joy is about remembering that God loves us and that His plans for us are good. Because God loves us, He put a plan in place to send His only Son, Jesus, to the world. God promised to send a Savior, and He did! **You can have joy because God has a plan for you!**"



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an activity that increases the oxygen
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3. CANDY CANE VERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles and candy canes

WHAT YOU DO:

- Open a Bible to Luke 2:11 and read it aloud to the group.
- This week, talk about the second phrase found in the verse: A Savior has been born to you.
- Ask . . .
 - Who is the Savior? (*Jesus*)
 - Do you know what the word "Savior" means? (*A person who saves someone or something. God sent Jesus to save us! Because sin—stuff we do that we know is wrong—separates us from God, He sent Jesus so that everyone who believes in Him can be a part of God's family forever!*)
- Have the kids sit in a circle on the floor.
- Hold up a candy cane so that it makes a "J" and point out how "JOY" starts with a "J."
- Hand the candy cane to the kid your left.
- Repeat the words of the verse together as you pass the candy cane around the circle.
- When you get to the reference (Luke 2:11), whoever holds the candy cane gets to keep it and sit in the center of the circle.
- Repeat, passing a new candy cane around the circle.
- Allow the last kid to keep each candy cane and move to the center. Guide kids to spread out as more kids move to the center of the circle.
- Encourage kids to hold onto their candy canes and NOT open them yet!
- Continue until there are more kids in the center than in the outer circle.
- Then, stop the game and give the rest of the kids a candy cane.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"The angel told Mary she would have a baby. Mary wasn't sure how everything would work out, but she chose to trust God's plan. God sent His only Son, Jesus, as our Savior because He loves us. That's a huge reason to have JOY. Every time you see a candy cane this Christmas, turn it around so you see the 'J' and remember that **you can have joy because God has a plan for you.**"



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
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4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Candy canes from previous activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Have the kids hold onto their candy canes as you pray.
- As you finish praying, allow the kids to open their candy

canes and enjoy their treats!

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"We can have joy even when our candy canes are all gone. We have joy when things don't go our way. We can have real joy, joy that's bigger than happiness, when we remember that God has a plan for each one of us. Let's thank God today that **you can have joy because God has a plan for you.**

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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"Heavenly Father, thank You for the plan You had for Mary. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us. Thank You for the joy we can ALWAYS have when we remember that You have a plan for us. We know that Your plan is the best plan ever. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

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As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their Mary and angel puppets as they retell the story and talk about how **you can have joy because God has a plan for you.**

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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a general summary of Social Distancing Recommendations. Please refer to this document so you can plan your Small Group experience with health and safety in mind.

1. EARLY ARRIVER

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- An offering container

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "How To: Christmas Edition" Activity Pages; one page for every two kids (pairs will have different pages).
- Paper
- Pencils

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.*

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- White glue
- Gold or silver pipe cleaners, one for every three kids
 - Cut the pipe cleaners into three even pieces.
- Clear tape
- Markers
- (Optional) scraps of fabric/felt/construction paper and fine point markers instead of the Activity Pages copied on cardstock

NOTE: You can either offer scraps of fabric, felt, or construction paper for kids to use to cover the craft sticks and create the clothing; OR copy the "Mary" and "Angel" Activity Pages and cut out for kids to color and glue to the front of each craft stick.

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Throw pillow; one for each small group
- Cardstock
- Marker
 - Write the word "JOY" in large print on the cardstock, sized to fit the front of the throw pillow.
- Masking tape

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[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Candy canes from previous activity

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.



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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Battle of the Teams
Application Activity: Bursting with Joy
Memory Verse Activity: Memory Verse Tree
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container and timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome the kids by name as they arrive. Be sure to wish them a Merry Christmas!
- If a kid has brought an offering, encourage them to place their offering in the offering container.
- Choose a kid to think of one Christmas themed object. (If they need help, you can whisper suggestions to them like: wreath, angel, manger, etc.)
- Tell them not to say what they are thinking about but to keep it to themselves.
- Invite the rest of the kids to guess the object by asking only "yes" or "no" questions.
- Use a timer or set a limit of 20 questions.
- Continue playing until each kid has had a chance to think of a Christmas object.



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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Joyful Ornament" Activity Page, "Sad Ornament" Activity Page, music

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Give one kid the "joyful" ornament and another kid the "sad" ornament.
- Instruct the kids to pass the ornaments to the right when the music plays.
- When the music stops, the kid holding the "sad" ornament must share one thing that makes them sad.
- The kid holding the "joyful" ornament must share one thing that makes them joyful.
- Continue playing the game until it's time to go to large group, making sure you end with something joyful.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Thank you for sharing with the group what makes you joyful and what makes you sad. It's normal to feel both ways. Today, we'll hear a story where someone felt two ways, too—except she felt scared at first then joyful. **[Transition] Let's go to Large Group to find out why we can be joyful, no matter what.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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1. BATTLE OF THE TEAMS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Angel" Activity Page, "Bow" Activity Page, "Tree" Activity Page, "Questions and Answers" Activity Page, "Questions Cards" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the group into four teams.
- Give each team one "angel" card, one "bow" card, and one "tree" card.
- Make sure you keep the "Questions and Answers" Activity Page.
- Tell kids that you will read a question that has three possible answers. Those questions and answers are on the sheet of paper that you gave each group.
 - An angel, a bow, or a tree marks each answer.
 - Kids will work together to decide which of the three answers is the correct answer.
 - Each round, read a question and the three possible answers out loud, and then hold up the corresponding "Questions Card" to help kids remember which answer goes with which symbol.
 - Give the teams time to choose their answer.
 - After everyone has had a chance to discuss, direct teams to hold up the card (angel, bow, or tree) that is associated with their answer.
 - The team with the most correct answers wins.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Mary was an ordinary person—like you and me. She was going to get married to Joseph and live a normal life. But then the mighty angel Gabriel showed up with something incredible to announce! How did Mary feel when Gabriel showed up? (*She was very upset.*) How do you think she felt when he told her that she would be the mother of the Savior of the world who everyone had been waiting for? I bet she felt excited and overwhelmed. I would have felt all kinds of feelings, too!

"In spite of feeling all those emotions, Mary realized that God had a perfect plan for her life. It would look very different than she had ever imagined. But God had chosen her to be Jesus' mom! God had chosen her to raise the Savior who would save His people from their sins. Wow! Mary probably felt a lot of things, but one of the emotions Mary felt was joy! She was so joyful that she burst into a song of thanks to God!

"Did you know God has a perfect plan for your life, too? He does! It's a really, really good one. Even when unexpected things happen in your life, you can find joy in knowing that God is with you and He is always working toward the good plan He has for you. **You can have joy because God has a plan for you.**"



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*2. BURSTING WITH JOY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Plastic spherical ornament with a removable top, baking soda, vinegar, plastic cup, serving tray with slotted compartments to hold the ornament (or an egg carton), pan, turkey baster (or large eye dropper), plastic tablecloth, paper towels, funnel, tablespoon, (optional) food coloring

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Joyful, Joyful

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Luke 1:26-56

WHAT YOU DO:

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- Before the kids arrive:
 - Place one tablespoon of baking soda in one of the serving tray compartments (or in one of the egg carton compartments).
 - Remove the top from the ornament so there is a circular opening on top.
 - Using the funnel, pour two tablespoons of baking soda into the ornament.
 - Place the ornament on top of the serving tray or egg carton compartment that holds the baking soda.
 - Place the serving tray or egg carton in the pan. The pan will catch the fizz from the eruption.
 - Pour vinegar into the plastic cup and set it aside. (optional) add a few drops of food coloring for different colored fizz.
 - Make sure the turkey baster or large eyedropper and the paper towels are within reach.
 - Cover the experiment surface with a plastic tablecloth.
- Once the kids arrive, direct the kids to gather around the pan with the tray and ornament on it.
- Ask the kids to share a time when they felt so super excited that they thought they might explode!
- After a few kids share their stories, squirt the pre-measured vinegar into the top of the ornament using a turkey baster or large eyedropper.
- Take a step back.
- Be prepared to make a comparison between the eruption caused by the chemical reaction and the stories the kids shared about being so joyful they thought they might burst.
- Repeat the experiment a few times to give all the kids a chance to share their joyful stories.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"In our experiment, the eruption was massive! The foam spilled all over. It could not be contained in the little ornament!"



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(*2. BURSTING WITH JOY, CONTINUED)

"In the same way, even though Mary was probably overwhelmed when she got the news that she would become pregnant with God's Son, soon she became so joyful that her joy could not be contained. Her joy came from knowing that even though her life would be different than what she expected, God was with her and He had a perfect plan for her life. God was using her to bring the Savior into the world to save us from our sins. **[Make It Personal]** *(Share an example of a time when something didn't go your way and you asked God to help you get through it. How did remembering that God was with you and had a plan for you help you have joy? How did it turn out?)* **You can have joy because God has a plan for you."**



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3. MEMORY VERSE TREE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Verse Ornaments" Activity Page,
Bible, painter's tape, two Christmas gift bags, Christmas
colored cardstock, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

- Find Luke 2:11 and read it out loud.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Create a tape outline of a Christmas tree on the floor for each team.
- Place a Christmas gift bag with the "Verse Ornaments" in it at the base of each tree.
- Ask the kids to line up in front of their tree.
- Instruct the kids to take turns retrieving an ornament from the bag and placing each ornament in the correct order "on" the tree to create the verse.
- Encourage the kids to be creative with where they place the ornaments on the tree as long as the ornaments are in the correct order.
- The team that correctly assembles the verse first, wins.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"What are some the gifts you would love to receive this Christmas? Would you go crazy with joy if you got one of them?"

"Do you know that the best gift you can ever receive is Jesus? When God gave us Jesus it was the best gift ever. That's what our memory verse reminds us!

"God had a plan to send Jesus to rescue you for a long, long time. It's part of His good plan for your life! And even if life looks differently than you thought it would, remember Jesus. Remember that God loves you so much it was His good plan to send Jesus to rescue you so you could have a relationship with Him. Jesus is the gift that can bring you the greatest joy, no matter what happens. And you can trust that the rest of God's plan for your life is a good one, too. **You can have joy because God has a plan for you.**"

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4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Index cards and pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass out an index card and a pen to each kid.
- Invite the kids to write one word on the index card that

describes how they feel when they think about the fact that God has a plan for their life.

- Invite the kids to interject the words they wrote as you close with the following prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Lord, we are so grateful that You have a plan for our lives. When we think of Your plan, we feel *(pause to let kids read the words they wrote on their slips of paper)*. Remind us that You are working for Your good plan in our lives, even on our hardest days. Remind us that You are always with us, no matter what. Thank You for giving us a way to find joy even when things don't go our way. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen. **You can have joy because God has a plan for you.**"

As adults arrive to pick up, have them ask kids to show them their index cards. Let it prompt a conversation about how kids learned that God has a plan for their lives.

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SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a general summary of Social Distancing Recommendations. Please refer to this document so you can plan your Small Group experience with health and safety in mind.

1. EARLY ARRIVER

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container
- Timer

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Joyful Ornament" Activity Page on cardstock and cut out; one for each small group
- Print the "Sad Ornament" Activity Page on cardstock and cut out; one for each small group
- Music

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #2.*

1. BATTLE OF THE TEAMS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Angel" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart; four cards for each small group
- Print the "Bow" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart; four cards for each small group
- Print the "Tree" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart; four cards for each small group
- Print the "Question and Answers" Activity Page; one for each small group
- Print the "Questions Card" Activity Page on cardstock; four sets for each small group

*2. BURSTING WITH JOY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Baking soda
- Plastic globe ornament with removable top, one for each small group
- Vinegar
- Plastic cup that can hold one cup of liquid, one for each small group
- Serving tray with compartments or an egg carton, one for each small group
- Pan with a lip to catch the liquid from the eruption, one for each small group
- Turkey baster or large eye dropper, one for each small group
- Plastic table cloth to cover the table or floor, one for each small group
- Paper towels
- Tablespoon, one for each small group
- Funnel, one for each small group
- (Optional) Food coloring
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[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Verse Ornaments" Activity Page on Christmas colored cardstock and cut apart; two sets of ornaments for each small group (24 total ornaments)
- Christmas gift bags; two for each small group
- Painter's tape

4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Index cards; one for each kid
- Pens

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.



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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.

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SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
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LARGE GROUP

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STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Christmas This Year" from *Jingle Jam Wrapped Up*, "Joy to the World (Glory to the King)" from *Joy to the World (Glory to the King)* single, and "Angels We Have Heard On High" from *Jingle Jam*)
Bible Story (Communicator Script)
Key Question
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Review 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)
GodTime devotional for kids
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Before kids arrive, pray that your group would connect with the idea of joy despite what is going on in their lives that is really difficult. Lift up in prayer specific kids in your group that you know are having a hard time finding joy in this season. Pray that each one would see how God has a plan for each one of them—a good plan!

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1. JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, paper, markers, (optional) Suggested Christmas treat: candy canes

WHAT YOU DO:

- All month long, we'll be having Christmas Chats!
- **Hand** out the optional Christmas snack and provide paper and markers for anyone who wants to draw while the group is chatting.
- Today's Christmas Chat:
 - What is joy?
 - What brings you joy at Christmas?
 - What makes a Christmas joyful?
 - Are you having a joyful Christmas season so far?



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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Wide craft sticks, small jingle bells,
timer or stopwatch

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Set** out a few bowls of small jingle bells and hand everyone a craft stick.
- **Ask** them to gather around a bowl—a couple kids per bowl—and put the craft stick in their mouth.
- **Tell** them that when you start the timer, they will have one minute to balance as many jingle bells on the craft stick as possible, while the craft stick remains in their mouth.
- If time allows, **repeat** the game another time or have the top three or four compete for the championship.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Last week we talked about an Old Testament promise from God that He would send a Savior. And today, the story picks up in the New Testament of the Bible, hundreds of years later. **[Transition] I can't wait to hear what's next. Let's go to Large Group to see what's next.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Tissue paper, carrot, black buttons (or something to be snowman eyes), hat, gift box, wrapping paper, tape and scissors, paper, pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Divide** your group into two teams.
- **Assign** one team the task of "building a snowman" and the other team "wrapping a present."
- Each group will prepare a how-to presentation for their assigned task and write down a list of instructions.
- When the instructions are finished, each team will try to complete the other team's task, using only their instructions.
- **Hand** out the paper and pens.
- Give teams a few minutes to write out a plan.
- As they work, **remind** kids to think about exactly how to complete the task; they won't be able to add any details or give any verbal instructions while the other team uses the written instructions.
- **Allow** them to touch and hold the supplies as they figure out what they think will work, but instruct kids not to "use" the supplies, as they'll be needed by the other team.
- When everyone is finished, let teams trade instructions.
- **Set** out the supplies (white tissue paper, carrot, black buttons, and hat for the snowman; gift box, wrapping paper, tape, and scissors for the gift wrapping) and **challenge** kids to follow the instructions exactly as they're written.
- At the end, **ask:**
 - Who was able to accomplish the task with the instructions exactly as they were written out?
 - Were there any crucial steps left out?
 - Was the plan important? Why or why not?

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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, selected building supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

- Each week for the remainder of the month, you will read the Bible story together as a group and then build the scene based on only what you hear in the Bible.
- **Instruct** kids not to add details they've heard from movies or books. This project should only reflect the story as it's told in the Book of Luke.
- Today the main characters and details are the angel (Gabriel) talking to Mary, and then Mary going to visit cousin Elizabeth (also pregnant), inside Elizabeth's home for three months.
- **Open** the Bibles and take turns reading from the passage: Luke 1:26-56
- Briefly **discuss** the main points and people in the story and then let kids start building.
- **Guide** them to make sure everyone gets to participate and contribute.
- If you have a larger group, you may want to consider letting kids split into two groups and build two scenes.
- Ideally, you will leave this scene set up from week to week so kids can see the progress of the story throughout the rest of the month. If that's not possible, break it down gently so that it can be set back up and re-used next week.

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3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- What are your family's plans for Christmas?
- Do you like having set plans, loose plans, or no plans? (Ask kids to elaborate on their responses.)
- How was Jesus a part of God's plan all along?
- What does it mean to you to know that God sent Jesus for you? How does it make you feel?

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MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Joy Memory Verse Cards" Activity Page, hole punch, ornament hooks, Bibles, markers, butcher paper Christmas tree from week 1

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Lay** all the verse cards out in front of your group.
- **Pass** out Bibles and **ask** for volunteers to look up and read the verses.
- **Ask: What's the reason for JOY according to this verse?**
 - Guide kids to work together to condense their answer to one word or phrase
 - Let one person write it on the card. (They can decorate the card, too, if they would like.)
- Then **hand** the card to another person to punch a hole, **add** the hook, and **hang** the card on the paper Christmas tree on the wall from last week.

Note: Below are the potential answer to the question, but there really is no right or wrong answer. The goal is to let kids work together as a group to think critically about what the verse means to them.

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Luke 2:10-11

What's the reason for JOY according to this verse? Our Savior

Psalms 33:21

What's the reason for JOY according to this verse? We can trust Him
(Overflowing with hope, NIV)

Romans 15:13

What's the reason for JOY according to this verse? We're filled with hope

Matthew 1:21

What's the reason for JOY according to this verse? Jesus saved us (Jesus saved us from our sins, NIV)

John 3:16

What's the reason for JOY according to this verse? Eternal life

1 Samuel 2:1

What's the reason for JOY according to this verse? Strength (Deliverance, NIV)



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

WHAT YOU NEED: "Prayer JOY Die" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Tell** your group that you're going to end your "JOY"-filled day by praying together with the J-O-Y acronym.
- **Show** them the die and **explain** that everyone will get a chance to roll, and they'll pray aloud (a one sentence prayer) based on what letter they land on.
Note: If anyone is uncomfortable praying aloud, encourage them to be brave and do it anyway, but don't force kids to pray aloud.
 - J- Jesus- thank God for Jesus, our Savior
 - O- others- pray for someone else in need or thank God for someone special in your life
 - Y- yourself- thank God for His plan for your life or something specific you want to praise Him for
- **Give** everyone a chance to roll and pray, then **close** by praying aloud over the whole group:

Dear God, thank You so much for the joy we have in You this Christmas season and always! Thank You for sending Jesus for us—we needed a Savior, and You gave us Jesus! I thank You for each kid sitting here today—they are all special to me and even more so to You. Thank You for how You made them each special and beautiful and smart and funny! We praise You for the plan You have for us and that we can trust You no matter what. It's in Jesus' name we pray, Amen!



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HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a general summary of Social Distancing Recommendations. Please refer to this document so you can plan your Small Group experience with health and safety in mind.

1. JUST FOR FUN

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paper
- Markers
- (Optional) Christmas snack: candy canes

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- A couple bowls of small jingle bells
- Wide craft sticks; one for each kid
- Timer or stopwatch

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #2.*

1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Tissue paper
- Carrot
- Black buttons (or something to be snowman eyes)
- Hat
- Gift box
- Wrapping paper
- Tape
- Scissors
- Paper
- Pens

2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Create: an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bibles
- Building supplies: cardboard, poster board, scissors, tape, glue, butcher paper, newspaper, tissue paper, wrapping paper and paper towel tubes, craft sticks, fabric strips, pieces of material or blankets, old clothes, yarn, cotton balls

3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Joy Memory Verse Cards" Activity Page and cut out; one set for each Small Group
- Hole punch
- Ornament hooks
- Bibles



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- Markers
- Butcher paper Christmas tree from week 1

5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Prayer JOY Die, cut apart and fold; one for each Small Group

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.