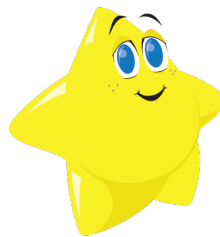


Small Group Leader Guide



Week 2

Ages 2-3
The First
Christmas Gift
Jesus is born

Question

Why do you give?

Answer

I give because God gave me Jesus!

Bible Verse

John 3:16 NIRV *"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. ..."*

What To Do First

Review

1. **Introduce** yourself.
2. **Say** the **Question**, **Answer**, and **Verse** together.

Read

1. **Lay** Story Cards in order.
2. **Point** to the first card.
3. **Read** the caption.
4. **Say** the **Say With Me** statement together.
5. **Do** the **Action** together.
6. **Repeat** steps 2-5 for Story Cards 2-3.

Remember

Mix It Up

1. **Shuffle** Story Cards.
2. **Place** Story Cards in the wrong order.
3. **Say**, "This story is mixed up! Help me fix it."
4. Group **helps** put Story Cards in order.

Say With Me & Actions

Story Card 1

Say With Me

Mary was surprised!

Action

Pretend to be surprised!

Story Card 2

Say With Me

Happy birthday, Jesus!

Action

Pretend to hold God's Son, Jesus.

Story Card 3

Say With Me

Jesus saves you!

Action

Make pretend wings, like angels.

How To Wrap Up

Talk

Jesus was born in a stable with the animals. What's your favorite animal?

Pray

Ask kids what they want to talk to God about, and pray with them.

Adventure Book Begin at Check Out Time

1. **Seat** your Small Group at a table.
2. If you need to help with check out, **combine** your Small Groups.
3. **Give** each kid an Adventure Book, six stickers, and some crayons.
4. **Help** kids do activities inside the book.
5. **Keep** kids at the tables to color during check out.
6. **Send** stickers home with kids who leave early.
7. When a kid leaves, **tell** the parents something positive about their kid.

