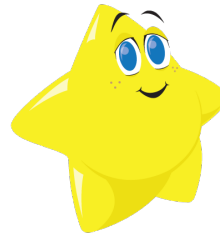


Small Group Leader Guide



Week 2

Ages 4-K
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. **Ask** the **Review Question**.
5. **Do** the **Action** together.
6. **Repeat** steps 2-5 for Story Cards 2-5.

Remember

Mix It Up

1. **Shuffle** Story Cards.
2. **Place** Story Cards in the wrong order.
3. **Say**, "This story's mixed up! Let's put it in order."
4. Group **helps** put Story Cards in order.

Review Questions & Actions

Story Card 1

Question

Who told Mary she would have a baby? *God's angel*

Action

Pretend to be surprised!

Story Card 2

Question

Who had a dream? *Joseph*

Action

Pretend to sleep like Joseph.

Story Card 3

Question

Where did Mary and Joseph stay in Bethlehem?
In a stable

Action

Pretend to hold God's Son, Jesus. Tell Him, "Happy Birthday!"

Story Card 4

Question

Who was listening to God's angels? *The shepherds*

Action

Make pretend wings, like angels.

Story Card 5

Question

Where did the shepherds go? *To the stable to see God's Son, Jesus*

Action

Shout out, "Jesus saves us!"

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

