



# **Group Time Guide**

Supplies Needed: Jingle Bells

#### 1. Introductions

**Circle Up:** Have Kid-Os sit down in a circle and give you a "thumbs up" when they are ready to listen. Encourage each Kid-O to say their name as you give them hand sanitizer. Then pass out a snack to each child who is able to have one.

### 2. Discussion Questions

- What did the angel tell Mary in our Bible Adventure story? (That she was going to have a baby and it would be God's Son.)
- What does it mean to have peace? (To be calm and to trust God, instead of being worried or afraid.)

Repeatable Phrases: "I can be peaceful." "I can trust God."

#### 3. Hands-On Option

**Do This**: Play a game called "Pass the Jingle Bell." Have one person sit in the middle with their eyes closed. Everyone else sits in a circle. The object of the game is to pass the jingle bell around the circle as quietly, or peacefully, as possible. The person in the middle listens carefully and points to where they think the jingle bell is. If they're right, they switch places with the person who had it.

**The Point:** One of God's gifts is peace. Even when things don't go the way we planned, we can still have peace because God is with us and loves us.

## 4. Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Prayer

**Do This**: Practice the Big Idea and Memory Verse with the kids.

**Memory Verse**: James 1:17 – "Every good and perfect gift is from God." **Big Idea**: God gives me peace.

Do This: Encourage kids to talk about what they learned with their grown-ups.

**Do This**: Pray! "Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Thank you for giving us peace. Amen."