

Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Scratch-Off Ornament Craft

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

- Who was God's greatest gift in the Bible Adventure story? (Jesus)
- Why did God send his Son, Jesus, into the world? (Because God loves us so much. It was part of God's plan.)

Repeatable Phrases: "I can follow Jesus." "God loves me."

3. Hands-On Option

Do This: Show Kid-Os the scratch-off ornaments and demonstrate how to use the wooden tool to make designs on it. Then, give each child an ornament and let them create their own designs.

Do This: As Kid-Os are working on their ornaments, you can ask them questions. For example: What is your favorite gift you have ever received? What are some ways your family celebrates Christmas?

The Point: Jesus is God's greatest gift to the world. Jesus came into the world because he loves us so much.

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's greatest gift is Jesus!

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 and giving us the gift of Jesus. Amen."