SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK: 8

GOAL OF TONIGHT

Help students see how God's story intersects with their story and why that matters in their day-to-day life.

WELCOME & ICE BREAKER

Welcome back! How was your Thanksgiving? Today we are going to play the blanket challenge. All of you stand on this blanket, then fold it in half and get everyone from the group on the blanket. Fold it in half again and try to get everyone on the blanket. Continue this until you can't do it!

BIBLE VERSES

Luke 1

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THE BIBLE VERSES

Today we are beginning a two-week study of the Christmas story, in preparation for our celebration of Christmas. This is going to be really cool, to see what REALLY happened that very first Christmas.

Open to Luke 1:1-4, read it and then answer these questions:

1. What was Luke's purpose in writing this account of Jesus' life?

2. What does that mean about what we will be reading from the Gospel of Luke?

Now read Luke 1:26-35 and answer these questions:

1. What are 3 surprising things that happened in this passage? (hint: Angel, pregnancy, Kingdom will never end)

2. Why do you think THIS is the way God chose to come to earth? Why not something flashier?

3. What would have happened, do you think, if Mary had said, "NO WAY!" to the angels news?

Lastly, read Luke 1:38 and answer this question:

1. How did Mary respond?

2. If God asked you to be a part of something miraculous, do you think you could get on board with his plan? Why or why not?

LEADER INSIGHT

This story, although true, is SO hard to comprehend. We have never seen a virgin birth other than this, never hear of angels appearing these days, and don't live at a time when a Savior is something anyone seeks. So, please be prayerful about this discussion. We need God to help the students see how profound, how good, how miraculous this moment in time was.

APPLICATION SUGGESTIONS

Ask the students about how easy or difficult it is for them to BELIEVE this is true about Jesus coming via Mary. Pray with them about increasing their faith this Christmas season.