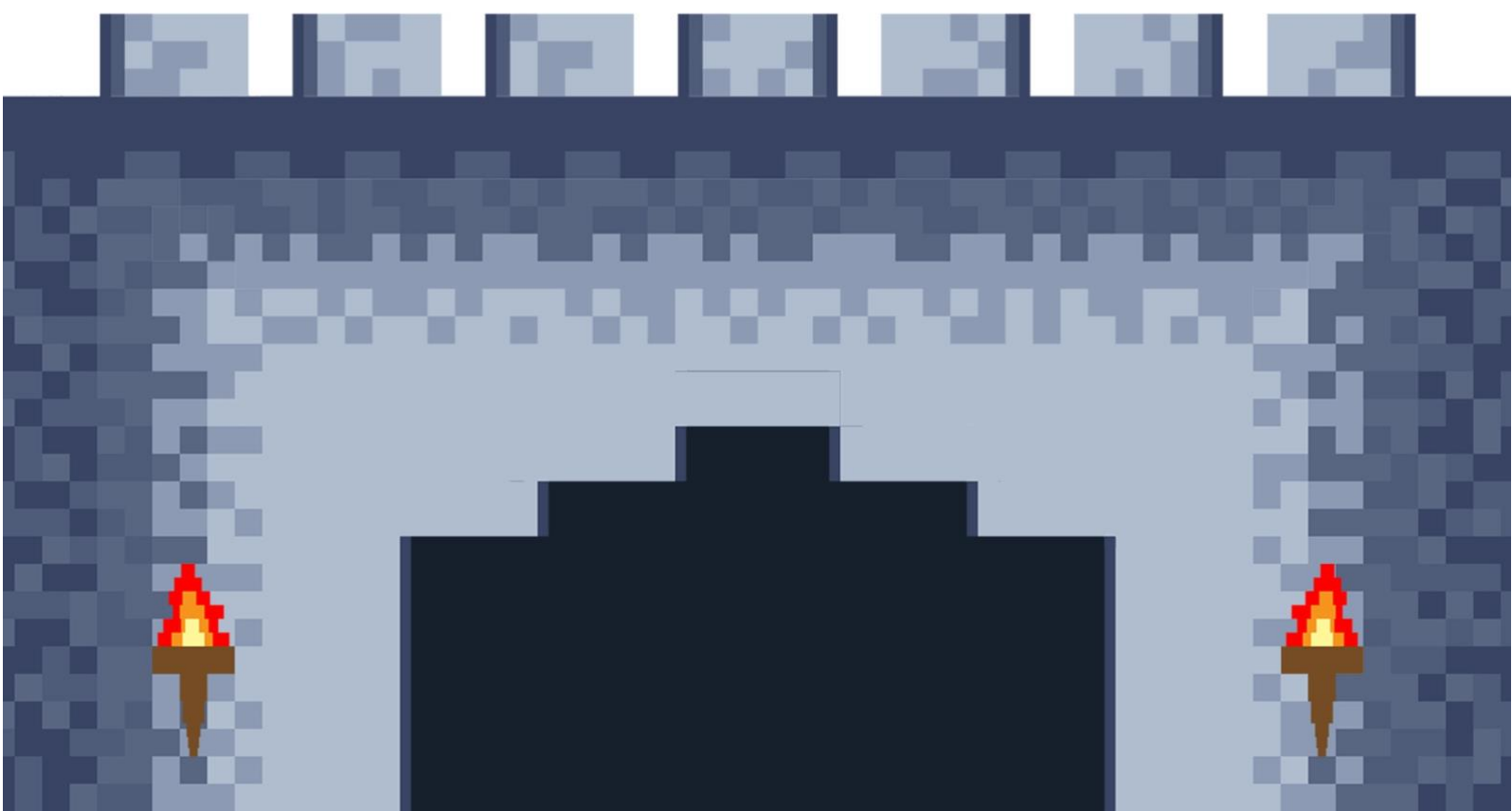


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Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Bibles, Verse cards.

1. Getting Started

Ask kids: Have you ever forgotten something important? What happened?

2. Discussion Questions

- It didn't sound like Jesse has heard much about God. How could he learn more about God? (Read the Bible, pray, come to church.)
- Do you think God will help Jesse win the game? Why or why not? (Point out that God always wants what's best for us, but that's sometimes different than what we want.)
- Why do you think it's important to know God? (He made our world, made us, loves us, and shows us the right way to live.)

3. Hands-On Option

Look Up and Read: Philippians 2:5-6. These verses show that the first Christians believed Jesus was God. Do the following activity to find out why they believed that!

Do This: Split kids into three groups and give each group a Bible and a verse card.

Say This: Jesus never directly told people "I am God," because He didn't need to. He showed everyone that He was God through the things He said and did.

Do This: Have groups look up their verses, read them, and come back with the answers to the questions on the card. Give them 5 minutes or so to prepare, then have them tell the others how their verse shows that Jesus is God.

The Point: Jesus shows us who God is, because he is God! That's why Christmas is such an amazing celebration, we remember that God himself came to live with us and show how much he loves us.

4. Wrap-Up and Prayer

Ask: What are you most excited about this week? What is something you'd like God's help on this week?

Do This: Pray with the kids.