

Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: 50 cotton balls, 20 plastic spoons, bucket, 3 gifts with jingle bells in them.

1. Introductions and Snack

Circle Up: Have Kid-Os sit down in a circle as quickly as they can and give you a "thumbs up" when they are ready to listen. Encourage each Kid-O to say their name.

Do This: Give kids hand sanitizer, then hand each of them a snack.

2. Discussion Questions

- What happened on the third day after Jesus died? (He came back to life!)
- Why did Jesus do that? (He loves us!)

3. Hands-On Option

Do This: Have a snow shovel race! Place 30-50 cotton balls on the floor and give each Kid-O a spoon. Place a bin on a table, or on the floor nearby. Have them see if they can get all the "snowballs" picked up in under a minute, using only their spoons!

Do This: Play a jingle-bell guessing game! Pass around three gifts so kids can shake them and guess how many jingle bells are in each! Then open them and find out.

The Point: We celebrate Christmas because it's when we remember Jesus came to show how much God loves us!

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

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

Memory Verse: Isaiah 9:2- "The people who are now living in darkness will see a great light. They are now living in a very dark land. But a light will shine on them." **Big Idea**: Jesus loves me.

Do This: Give each kid a sticker. Encourage them to talk about what they learned with their grown-ups.

Do This: Pray! "Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us to follow Jesus. Amen.