

STORIES OF CHRISTMAS





Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Close Up Pictures

1. Introductions

Circle Up: As you come into the room, have Kid-Os say “hi” to someone else in the circle as they sit down. Encourage each Kid-O to say their name.

2. Discussion Questions

- Why did Adam and Eve have to leave the garden? (They disobeyed God.)
- What plan did God say he had? (To send Jesus, to save everyone in the world.)

Repeatable Phrases: “I can trust God’s plan.” “God loves me.”

3. Hands-On Option

Do This: Show kids the pictures of things very close up and try to guess what the things in the pictures are!

Say This: It’s hard to tell what those things are when you see only a little bit of them. We only see a little bit of our world, but God sees everything, all at once! Sometimes we say God can see the “big picture.”

The Point: God knows everything about us, even what’s going to happen. He sees the “big picture” of our lives, so His plans are always what’s best for us.

4. Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Prayer

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

Memory Verse: Luke 2:10-11- “I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Big Idea: God always has a plan.

Do This: 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 trust your plan. Amen.”