

# STORIES OF CHRISTMAS





# Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Craft circles (front and back), ribbon, glue stick.

## 1. Introductions

**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.

## 2. Discussion Questions

- What is something you love about Christmastime?
- Why do we celebrate Christmas? (To remember the day Jesus was born!)

**Repeatable Phrases:** “Jesus loves me!” “I can follow God.”

## 3. Hands-On Option

**Do This:** Show Kid-Os how to make the craft. Rub glue on the backs of both of the circles. Place the ribbon in-between them so it makes a loop. Then, press them together. If necessary, you could staple the section with the ribbon, so it won’t slip. Then, have kids color their ornaments!

**The Point:** We celebrate Christmas because of Jesus! He loves every one of us so much, and we can all follow him every day.

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

**Do This:** Practice the Big Idea and Memory Verse 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:** I can follow Jesus.

**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 follow you. Amen.