

STORIES OF CHRISTMAS





Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Ball Pit Balls, masking tape.

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

- What happened that gave the shepherds joy in our Bible Adventure story? (They found out Jesus had been born!)
- When is a time you have felt joyful?

3. Hands-On Option

Do This: Give each Kid-O a ball pit ball and have them place it on the floor. Ahead of time, have a circle a couple feet wide taped on the floor. The goal is to use their feet to move the ball pit ball into the circle, like a shepherd leading sheep to a pen!

The Point: The story of the shepherds reminds us that Jesus can give us joy. We can share that joy with others, too, just like the shepherds did.

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 share joy!

Big Idea: 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 share joy with others. Amen.”