

# 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.”