

# STORIES OF CHRISTMAS



# Stories of Christmas

## Series at a Glance for Kid-O-Deo

### About this Series:

What was it like to be there for the very first Christmas, the day Jesus was born? In this series, we'll hear the stories of people that God told about Jesus long before he came, and the stories of people who were there when he was born.

### 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."

### Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Title:	Big Idea:
Lesson 1: November 7/8	The Promise and the Plan Genesis 3	God always has a plan.
Lesson 2: November 14/15	Isaiah Isaiah 7; 42:1-9	I can believe God's promises.
Lesson 3: November 21/22	Zechariah and Elizabeth Luke 1	I can do what God says is right.
Lesson 4: November 28/29	Wise Men Matthew 2:1-12	I can give Jesus my best.
Lesson 5: December 5/6	Shepherds Luke 2:1-20	I can share joy!
Lesson 6: December 12/13	Mary and Joseph Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38	I can trust God when I don't get my way.
Lesson 7: Christmas Week	Jesus Luke 2:1-20	I can follow Jesus.

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### **Lesson 1: The Promise and the Plan**

Right from the beginning, God has had an amazing plan! All the way back in the first book of the Bible, God shows people that someone is coming who can save them and show them his love. That person is Jesus!

### **Lesson 2: Isaiah**

Isaiah knew God had made some amazing promises, but they were probably really hard for him to trust. It seemed like everything was going wrong! Then, God told Isaiah about his amazing plan, the plan to send Jesus, and reminded him that we can always trust God's promises.

### **Lesson 3: Zechariah and Elizabeth**

God told Zechariah and Elizabeth that he had a plan that neither of them expected. This week, we'll see how Zechariah learned that doing what God says is right is always the best choice, even if it seems unexpected.

### **Lesson 4: Wise Men**

The wise men traveled a long, long way, all to see Jesus! They brought him gifts, like they would for a king. They knew that Jesus wasn't just another person, he was God's Son!

### **Lesson 5: Shepherds**

When the shepherds learned that God's Son Jesus had been born, they ran to see him right away. Then, they wanted to share that joy they felt with everyone! This week, we'll learn how we can share joy and tell others about Jesus, too!

### **Lesson 6: Mary and Joseph**

When Jesus was born, his parents' lives were changed forever. They had to move to a new home, and there were a lot of things they could have been afraid of. Through it all, though, they learned about the amazing peace that God can give us, even when life is tough.

### **Lesson 7: Jesus**

We celebrate Christmas because of one person: Jesus! When He was born, the world was changed forever. This week we'll hear the story of Jesus and learn how we can follow him today.

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## Lesson Outline for Kid-O-Deo

### Lesson 1: The Promise and the Plan

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Kid-O Playtime (10:00)	00:00-10:00
Transition Time (2:00)	
Opening Song (3:00)	
Introduction and Rules (2:00)	
Worship Song: Praise the Lord Every Day (3:00)	
Big Idea (2:00)	
Bible Adventure (6:00)	
Memory Verse (3:00)	
Worship Song: My God is #1 (3:00)	
Try it Out (5:00)	
Kid-O-Whampus (2:00)	
Prayer (2:00)	10:00-43:00
Transition Time (2:00)	
Group Time (15:00)	43:00-60:00



Video Cue



Slide Cue



Audio Cue



Tech Notes

## Transition Time

2:00

**Do This:** 10 minutes after the start of the Adult Service, walk into every Pre-K Room and introduce yourself. Tell kiddos to follow the directions of their room leaders, clean up, line up, and that you will see them in a little bit in the large group room.

**Know This:** *You are these Kid-Os' experience of church!* Your tone, attitude, and actions are forming the way these kids think about God, church, and even people in general. You have the opportunity through what you do and say to create an environment where they feel welcome, included, and valuable!

## Opening Song

3:00



*(Roll when directed)* Kid-O-Deo Theme Song Video



*(Auto advance)* Kid-O-Deo Slide

## Introduction and Rules

2:00

Welcome everyone! My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm so glad to see each and every one of you. During our time together, we'll get to sing a couple fun songs, learn a memory verse, and hear an awesome story. Before we do any of that, there are three important things for you to remember. They're our three Kid-O-Deo rules!

**Know This:** This is a great opportunity to set the tone and expectations for your time together. Kids like to know what's expected of them too—it helps them feel safe and secure. You can make this section informative, helpful, and fun all at the same time!

*Rule #1: When I'm talking you are listening!*

Let's put on our listening ears and turn them way up! We'll also turn our voices way down, so that we can all listen super well.

*Rule #2: Keep your hands and feet to yourself!*

We want this to be a great place for all you leaders and Kid-Os, which means no poking, kicking, or bugging your neighbor. A good way to remember this rule is to: do a little clap and place your hands in your lap!

*Rule #3: Stay in your spot!*

You have a spot of your very own here in Kid-O-Deo, and it's right where you are sitting! It's important for us to stay in our spots, so that everyone can pay attention and have fun!

Great job listening to our rules. The rules are really great because they can help us learn and have lots of fun while we're here.

## Worship

3:00

Next, we get to sing together! This song is about singing, thanking, and praising God every day!



Song 1: Praise the Lord Every Day



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Stories of Christmas

## Big Idea

2:00

I love singing with you, Kid-Os! You can sit down. We're starting a series today called "Stories of Christmas." In this series, we'll hear the stories of people that God told about Jesus long before he came, and the stories of people who were there when he was born.

We're learning a super important idea today. We call it our "Big Idea." Let's get ready to practice saying today's big idea together!



Big Idea Jingle



*(Auto advance)* Big Idea Slide: God always has a plan.

Today's Big Idea is, "God always has a plan." Can you repeat that after me? The Big Idea. THE BIG IDEA. God always, GOD ALWAYS, has a plan. HAS A PLAN. Great job! Let's practice it with some voices.

**Do This:** Show Kid-Os the actions and have them practice the Big Idea with you three times. You can have them repeat it after you each time. Voice ideas: Wilderness explorer, flying eagle, bubbling fish.

**Know This:** These are the Big Idea actions: (Place your hands in front of your face, palms out, then move them down in a rainbow motion) The Big Idea. (point up) God always, (point to head) has a plan.

Awesome job practicing our Big Idea! You can all sit down.

That Big Idea is so important, we're going to say it several times today. Since this series is all about stories, whenever you see this book on the screen, that means it's time to say our Big Idea!



Big Idea Book image (open book with text) and bell audio.

You can say it and still do the actions in your spot. Let's practice!

Let's say the Big Idea together. THE BIG IDEA. GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN.



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## Bible Adventure

5:00

Next we get to learn more by going on a Bible Adventure.



Bible Adventure Jingle

**Do This:** Show kids the Bible.

The Bible is the greatest book ever. It's filled with things that God wants us to know! It has many true stories about people who loved God, and about things God has done. Today, we get to read a story about the very beginning of our world, how God made the very first people.

**Do This:** Get the Bible storybook out and sit down in the chair.

This story you are going to hear comes from the Bible, but we use this storybook because the pictures help us imagine what it might have looked like back when the Bible was written. The pictures you see in here are the same as the ones on the screen. Let's get started!

**Do This:** Have kids help you "turn" the pages on the screen with an exaggerated arm wave.



Picture 1: Creation

God made this whole huge world! He made the light and the dark, the land and the sea, the sky, the stars, and the sun and moon! Then he made plants, and every kind of animal. Finally, God wanted to make something really special, someone he could share this amazing world with!



Picture 2: Adam and Eve

God made people! God told them to take care of the world he had made. They cared for a garden, learned more about the world every day, and got to walk and talk with God all the time!



Picture 3: The tree

God had one rule they had to follow, though. There was one tree that they weren't supposed to eat from. One day, though, a snake told them lies. He said that the tree wasn't bad for them, that eating it would make them know as much as God did. They decided to eat from the tree, and disobeyed God.



Picture 4: Adam and Eve in exile

God was very sad. Because they disobeyed, people couldn't live in his garden, and couldn't be near him anymore. But even though this sad thing had happened, God still had a plan. He said that one day, someone would come who would make everything right, and give people a way to be close to God again.



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Great listening, Kid-Os! God always has a plan. Even when people did what was wrong, God still loved them, and had a plan for them. God always loves you, too!





Big Idea Book and Bell Audio

That's our Big Idea book! Let's say our Big Idea together. THE BIG IDEA. GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN.

Great job Kid-Os! Next we get to learn a memory verse.

## Memory Verse

3:00



Memory Verse Jingle



*(Auto-advance)* 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."

Our Memory Verses come from the Bible. This is a verse about the day Jesus was born!

**Do This:** Read the verse from the screen.

Jesus was the one God promised would come, right from the beginning of our world. It was always God's plan to send Jesus to save us. Let's practice saying this verse together!

**Do This:** Practice the verse with the Kid-Os three times. You can start in your quiet/whisper voice and then get a little louder each time you practice.

**Know This:** The verse with actions goes like this: (Open your Bibles) Luke 2:10-11. (Cup hands around mouth) I bring you good news. (Point to smile) It will bring great joy for all the people. (Point outward) Today in the town of David (cradle motion) a Savior has been born to you. (Put hands like a crown on your head) He is the Messiah, the Lord.

Super job practicing your Memory Verse, Kid-Os!

## Worship

3:00

Everyone stay standing because we are going to sing another song together, about our amazing God!



Song 2: My God is #1



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## Try it Out

5:00

Awesome singing, everyone! You can sit down.



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It's our Big Idea book! Let's say our Big Idea together. THE BIG IDEA. GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN.

Great job, everyone. Now it's time try out what we've been learning today.



Try it Out Jingle

We are going to check in with a friend now named Kristen. She's going to help us try out what we've learned about following God's plan today.



Try It Out Media



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See you later, Kristen! We can always trust God to help us do what's right and make wise choices. We can know that no matter what happens, or how we feel, God always has a plan for us.



Big Idea Book and Bell Audio

That's our Big Idea Bell again! We need to say our Big Idea together one more time. Ready? THE BIG IDEA. GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN.

## Kid-O-Whampus

2:00

We've almost finished for today, but there's one more fun thing to do, called Kid-O-Whampus!



Kid-O-Whampus: Sledding with Rocky

## Prayer

2:00



(Auto-Advance) "Take Homes"

That was super fun! Now, you can sit back down, because I want to show you our family connection card! This fun card can help you remember what we're learning in Kid-O-Deo, while you're at home during the week. Make sure to get one when you leave today!



"Let's Pray"

Now it's time for us to pray, or talk to God together. God loves when you talk to him and will always listen to you no matter where you are! He loves you so much. Right now, let's close our eyes and talk to God together.

Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us to trust your plan. Amen.



Kid-O-Deo Slide

It's been awesome being here with you, Kid-Os. Now it's time for you to go back to your rooms where you will get into groups with your leader and other Kid-Os and do a fun activity. Have a great group time!