

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 3: Zechariah and Elizabeth

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 in 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: I can do what God says is right.

Today's Big Idea is, "I can do what God says is right." Can you repeat that after me? The Big Idea. THE BIG IDEA. I can do, I CAN DO, what God says, WHAT GOD SAYS, is right. IS RIGHT.

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: Speedy, slow motion, robot.
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. (Walk in place) I can do (cup hands around mouth) what God says (give thumbs up) is right.

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. I CAN DO WHAT GOD SAYS IS RIGHT.



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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 about someone who heard from God but had a hard time believing what God told him.

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: Zechariah in the temple

Zechariah worked in the temple, the place people came to talk to God and learn about him. Zechariah was a wise leader in the temple. One day, he went into a very special room to give an offering, which is a special gift, to God. While he was in there, an angel appeared with a message from God!



Picture 2: Zechariah with angel

The angel said that Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, were going to have a baby, who would tell a lot of people that Jesus was coming. The angel said to name him John. Zechariah didn't think it was possible. He and Elizabeth were too old to have a baby! The angel said that because he didn't believe, Zechariah wouldn't be able to talk again until the baby was born.



Picture 3: Elizabeth

Sure enough, Elizabeth realized she was going to have a baby! Zechariah wrote down all of God's instructions for her. It was different for them to have a baby when they were very old. When they finally had the baby, Elizabeth named him John, like the angel said. Their friends and family didn't like that name, though. They didn't have anyone named John in their family, it seemed like a strange name to them.



Picture 4: Zechariah, Elizabeth, and Baby

Zechariah wrote down “His name is John.” Right then, he could talk again! Zechariah and Elizabeth did their best to choose to do what God said was right, even if it seemed strange. We can choose to do what God says is right, too!



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Great listening, Kid-Os! We can always choose to do what God says is right, even if it's not what other people like our friends think we should do. We can make wise choices, tell the truth, and always listen to God.



Big Idea Book and Bell Audio

That's our Big Idea book! Let's say our Big Idea together. THE BIG IDEA. I CAN DO WHAT GOD SAYS IS RIGHT.

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.

Zechariah and Elizabeth's baby was Jesus' older cousin. He would tell a lot of people that Jesus was coming. 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.



Big Idea Book and Bell Audio

It's our Big Idea book! Let's say our Big Idea together. THE BIG IDEA. I CAN DO WHAT GOD SAYS IS RIGHT.

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 doing what God says is right.



Try It Out Media



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See you later, Kristen! We can always choose to follow God's instructions and do what he says is right. God has told people to tell the truth, be fair, and love others, and we can trust him that all of those are the best choices we can make.



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. I CAN DO WHAT GOD SAYS IS RIGHT.

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: Speedy Kid-Os

Prayer

2:00



(Auto-Advance) "Let's Pray"

Let's finish up by talking to God. When we talk to God, we call it "praying." You can talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything at all. He will always listen to you, and He loves you no matter what. We usually close our eyes and fold our hands to show respect to God while we talk to him. Let's do that now!

Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us to do what you say is right. 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!