

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 7: Jesus

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: It's Christmastime (3:00)	
Big Idea (2:00)	
Bible Adventure (6:00)	
Memory Verse (3:00)	
Worship Song: The Best Present Ever (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! Merry Christmas! 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 Christmas songs, learn a memory verse, and hear an awesome story about the reason we celebrate Christmastime. 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 how wonderful Christmastime is!



Song 1: It's Christmastime



(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 follow Jesus.

Today's Big Idea is, "I can share joy." Can you repeat that after me? The Big Idea. THE BIG IDEA. I can, I CAN, follow Jesus. FOLLOW JESUS.

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: Singing caroler, quiet lullaby, happy Christmas!

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 to self) I can (march in place) follow Jesus.

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 FOLLOW JESUS.



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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 the reason we celebrate Christmas!

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: Mary and Joseph traveling

God had sent angels to Mary and Joseph, telling them Mary was going to have a baby. The baby would be named Jesus, and he would be God's Son! Mary and Joseph both trusted God's plan, even when a king suddenly made them move far from their home, to the town of Bethlehem.



Picture 2: Nativity

While they were in Bethlehem, there wasn't room for them inside a house, so they had to stay with the animals. There, in the hay, Jesus was born. He didn't have much, and not many people noticed when he was born. An angel had told some shepherds to go and find Jesus, but they were the only ones who came to see God's Son that day.



Picture 3: Jesus as an adult

Thirty years later, Jesus had grown up. He started teaching people about God and showing them how much God loved them by healing them, forgiving them, and being kind to them, no matter who they were, or where they came from. Jesus wanted everyone to know that God loved them.



Picture 4: Jesus on the cross

Some people were jealous of Jesus, though. They didn't believe He was God's Son. They hurt him very badly, and even put a crown made of thorns on his head. Finally, people nailed him to a cross and left him there, so he would die. Jesus could have stopped them, but he let all of this happen, to take the punishment for every wrong thing everyone has done. Jesus died on the cross, and his followers thought that it was all over. But then something happened that no one expected.



Picture 5: Resurrected Jesus

On the third day after dying, Jesus came back to life! He proved that He is God's Son. He is stronger than any wrong thing, greater than death, and more powerful than anything we're afraid of. Jesus did all this to show us how much God loves us.



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Great listening, Kid-Os! That's why we follow Jesus, because he gave everything for us, and showed us the greatest love of all.



Big Idea Book and Bell Audio

That's our Big Idea book! Let's say our Big Idea together. THE BIG IDEA. I CAN FOLLOW JESUS.

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.

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 the amazing gift of love Jesus gave us, the chance to follow Him!



Song 2: The Best Present Ever



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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 FOLLOW JESUS.

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 Jesus.



Try It Out Media



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Stories of Christmas

Merry Christmas, Kristen! You can choose to follow Jesus! If you want to know more about that, talk to your grown-ups or a leader here at church. We'd love to talk with you about what it means to follow Jesus, and help you make that decision!



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 FOLLOW JESUS.

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: Snowman Builders (winter)

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 follow you every day. 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!