

This Little Light

Series at a Glance for Kid-O-Deo

About this Series:

At Christmas, the world is filled with light! From sparkling trees to the shining faces of happy carolers, light is everywhere at Christmastime. That's why it's the happiest time of year! When we do good things for God, we can fill the world with more great things like joy, peace, love, and hope. That's our goal this Christmas, to share Jesus with everyone through the things we say and do!

Memory Verse:

Mark 10:45- "Even the Son of Man did not come to be served. Instead, he came to serve others."

Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Topic:	Big Idea:
Lesson 1: Nov. 25/26	The Angel Mary and Joseph: Luke 1; 2:1-7	I can share love!
Lesson 2: Dec. 2/3	The Star Wise Men: Matthew 2:1-12	I can share peace!
Lesson 3: Dec. 9/10	The Song Shepherds: Luke 2:8-20	I can share joy!
Lesson 4: Dec. 16/17	The Hope Simeon and Anna: Luke 2:21-40	I can share hope!
Lesson 5: Dec. 23/24*	The Baby Jesus: Luke 2; John 1; John 18-20.	I can share Jesus' story!

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Lesson 1: The Angel

Until an angel came to Mary and Joseph, they didn't expect God to do amazing things through them. Many people just don't know how much God loves them, but it often only takes one small act of love or kindness to show them that they matter to him. We can share love with everyone this Christmas, because everyone is loved by God!

Lesson 2: The Star

To the wise men, God sent a star. They had a lot of knowledge and money, but they traveled around the world looking for something more important, the gift of peace. The star led them to a small child who would bring peace to the whole world. The gift of peace is still one of the greatest things we can share today.

Lesson 3: The Song

A group of shepherds got a big surprise on the first Christmas! A shining choir of angels came to them, and told them that God's Son, Jesus, had been born. As the light of the angels went away, the shepherds took that news to everyone around them. Their joy shone throughout the city of Bethlehem as they told everyone that something amazing had happened. Jesus was born today! When we share our joy with others, they can learn about Jesus through us.

Lesson 4: The Hope

The Christmas story is all about a simple message of hope! This story happens eight days after the first Christmas, when two people named Simeon and Anna recognize Jesus. They told everyone that God's promised Savior had come! They knew that Jesus is the greatest hope of all.

Lesson 5: The Baby

All these Christmas stories point to one thing: God's son, Jesus. He came as a baby, not as a rich king or a powerful champion. He didn't come to take, but to give. He is the greatest light of Christmas, and the one God sent to show every person who He is. Jesus is the greatest gift of all. He is the light of the world.

This Little Light Lesson Outline for Kid-O-Deo

Lesson 5:The Baby

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Kid-O Playtime	
Transition Time	
Kid-O-Deo Theme Song Video (3:00)	0:00-15:00
Introduction and Rules (2:00)	
Value (1:00)	
Worship Song: It's Christmastime (3:00)	
Bible Adventure (5:00)	
Memory Verse (3:00)	
Worship Song: The Best Present Ever (3:00)	
Application (5:00)	
Big Idea Video (2:00)	
Kid-O-Whampus (2:00)	
Prayer (2:00)	
Transition Time (2:00)	15:00-45:00
Group Time (15:00)	45:00-60:00



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 to Kid-O-Deo! My name is _____, and guess what? Christmas is here! Are you all ready to celebrate? YES! We have an awesome Christmas celebration coming up, with fun songs, some great games to play in group time, and the greatest Christmas story of all! Before we get started, let's go over our three Kid-O-Deo rules!

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

Everyone put on your listening ears, and on the count of three, let's practice listening!

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

Do a little clap and place your hands in your lap!

Rule #3: Stay in your spot!

Let's take our special glue sticks and put some glue on our spot to help us stay in the right place!

Great! Following the rules helps everyone to pay attention and have fun!

Value

1:00

Christmas is all about remembering something amazing that God did for us. He sent His son, Jesus, to tell us how much God loves us. Since God loves us so much, and does great things for us, we can do good things for him, too! Can you repeat this after me? I can do good things for God! I CAN DO GOOD THINGS FOR GOD!

Worship

3:00

I'm ready to start really celebrating Christmas! Let's stand up and sing this song together. It's Christmastime!



Song 1: It's Christmastime



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Bible Adventure

5:00

I love singing with you, Kid-Os. You can sit down.

Do This: Show kids the Bible.

This book, the Bible, is amazing. It's God's message to us! In Kid-O-Deo, this book helps us go on an adventure. Do you know what that adventure is called? A BIBLE ADVENTURE!



Bible Adventure Jingle

Kid-Os, I have an important question for you. Are the stories in the Bible real or pretend? REAL! That's right, the stories in this book are real. They actually happened. The story we are going to hear today is the story of the first Christmas ever.

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

This story 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 going to Bethlehem

For Mary and Joseph, Jesus' parents, the first Christmas didn't start out very happy. They were traveling to Bethlehem, the town Joseph was from. It was a long journey, and Mary was going to have a baby soon. When they got to Bethlehem, they found

out that no one had room for them. There was nowhere for them to stay, so they were stuck outside. Picture 2: Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in the cave After a while, they found a place where some animals were, and there, Mary had the baby. They named him Jesus. He was wrapped in some cloth, and put in a manger, which is what the animals ate out of. It wasn't the way you would expect the birth of God's son, the Savior of the world, to look. Picture 3: Shepherds and angels Not far from where Mary and Joseph were, some shepherds got a message from God! A group of angels appeared, and told them that God's son, Jesus, was here! They ran to meet him, so happy that God had given them the chance to meet Jesus. They knew that this baby, Jesus, was the greatest gift that would ever be given. Today, we celebrate Christmas by giving gifts, but none of them comes close to God's gift to us on the first Christmas day. Jesus came at Christmas to bring hope, joy, peace, and love to everyone in the world. Picture 4: Jesus grown up When Jesus had grown up, he taught many people about God. He healed sick people, helped people that were hurt, and shared God's love with everyone He could. He lived a completely perfect life, never doing anything wrong. Jesus told everyone that he had come to show them how much God loves them. Even though we have all done things God says are wrong, Jesus wants us to know that God loves us. Picture 5: The empty tomb Jesus proved that he loves us, too. Even though He never did anything wrong, people told lies about Him, hurt him, and tried to put him to death. Jesus didn't stop them, and their plan worked. Jesus died to take the punishment we deserved for doing wrong things. He was hurt, but worst of all, the punishment for sin was to be far away from God. Jesus took that consequence for us. After three days, Jesus proved he was God's son by coming back to life! He is still living with God today.

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Jesus loves you so much that he took the punishment for all the wrong things you have done, no matter what they are. We may still have consequences from our grown-ups or others if we do something wrong, but Jesus will always forgive us if we choose to follow him, and he'll help us do what is right the next time.

You listened really well, Kid-Os. Let's get up on our feet, and get ready for our memory verse!

Memory Verse

3:00



Memory Verse Jingle



(Auto advance – Memory Verse) Mark 10:45- Even the Son of Man did not come to be served. Instead, he came to serve others.

This verse is from a book of the Bible called Mark. These words are something that Jesus actually said.

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

The "Son of Man" is a nickname that Jesus had. So, you could say this verse like this: "Even Jesus didn't come to be served. Instead He came to serve others." Jesus was God's son, but he came to serve us, and share love with us. That's super amazing!

Let's practice saying that verse together!

Do This: Practice the verse with the Kid-Os 2-3 times. Begin with your "quiet voices," then do it in your normal voices, and finish with your super-duper loud voices! **Know This:** The verse with actions goes like this: Mark 10:45- Even the Son of Man (baby rocking motion) did not come (arm sweep) to be served (fist in hand). Instead he came (point upward) to serve others (extend hands outward).

Great job practicing your Memory Verse, Kid-Os!

Worship

3:00

We give lots of gifts at Christmastime, but the best present ever was given at the very first Christmas! That's what our next song is about. Let's stand and sing "The Best Present Ever!"



Song 2: The Best Present Ever



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Application

5:00

I love singing with you, Kid-Os. You can sit down. We've been learning some words for the past few weeks. We've got them up here, all lit up! All of these are great things to give others.

Do This: Indicate each word as you give kids the examples.

This first word is "Love." We can share love with others by being kind and doing good things for them. Jesus showed us how to love others by helping everyone he could.

This second word is "Peace." We can share peace with others by listening to them and forgiving them. When we choose to be nice, instead of getting angry at someone, we are being peaceful.

This third word is "Joy." We can share joy by giving to others and encouraging them! When we say good words to others, it can make them very happy.

This last word is "Hope." Hope means believing something good will happen. We can give hope to others by spending time with them and telling them about how much God loves them.

We can all have love, peace, joy, and hope, and share those things with others, because of what Jesus did. We can share those things, but for someone to really know what Christmas is about, they need to know Jesus' story. So, how can we share the

greatest gift of all, Jesus' story? Well, you can tell someone about Jesus' story easily at Christmas. All you need are some Christmas lights!
Green Christmas Light
We can use three light colors to remind us of Jesus' story. The first one is this green light. It's green to remind us that God made the whole world, with the green grass and trees. He made the land, the seas, and all the people. When we do wrong things, called sin, those things hurt this world that God made. All of us have sinned. Maybe we've lied, or disobeyed our grown-ups, or said a mean thing to someone. Because of all the wrong things we've done, Jesus came.
Red Christmas Light
This red light reminds us that Jesus came to earth and took the punishment for all the wrong things we've done. It's red because Jesus was hurt a lot as punishment for our sins. This light reminds us that he died on a cross so that we could be forgiven. He loves us that much.
Yellow Christmas Light
This bright, happy, yellow light reminds us that Jesus came back to life, and is living in heaven, a place that is bright, shining, and perfect! He really was God's son, so not even death could defeat him. He wants all of us to follow him so we can live with him forever, too. You can choose to follow Jesus with our whole life today. You can talk to him anytime, even today, and choose to follow him. When you talk to God, you can tell him you are sorry for sinning, say you believe Jesus died and came back to life to take your punishment, and choose to follow him. If you haven't made that choice, talk to any of the grown-ups here in Kid-O-Deo. They would love to help you make Jesus your leader and forever friend.
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The best news of Christmas is that Jesus wants all of us to be his friends. You can share Jesus' story with others this Christmas. It's the best story we can ever tell someone! Jesus loves you. You can share Jesus' story with someone this Christmas!

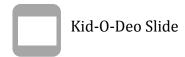
Good job listening, Kid-Os. Next it's time for our Big Idea!

Big Idea	2:00			
Big Idea Jingle				
To learn our Big Idea, we get to see how Ranger Ron and his forest friends are celebrating Christmas. Know This: The Big Idea is, "I can share Jesus' story."				
Big Idea Video				
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Thanks Ranger Ron! Sharing Jesus' story is one of the greatest things we can ever do for someone else. Everyone needs to know how much Jesus loves them.				
Kid-O-Whampus	2:00			
Now that we know the Big Idea, we've got a super fun activity to do. We call it a Kid-O-Whampus!				
Kid-O-Whampus: Sledding with Rocky				
(Auto-Advance) "Let's Pray."				
Prayer	2:00			

There's one more thing for us to do before we go to group time. We're going to talk to God. We call talking to God "prayer." When we pray, God always listens, no matter

where we are or what time it is. Kid-Os, God will always listen to you, just like he always listens to me. Your voice and your thoughts are very important to God. Let's focus on God while we pray by closing our eyes and putting our hands in our laps. If you want, you can repeat the words of this prayer after me.

Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us to share Jesus' story with others this Christmas. Amen.



I have loved spending time with you, Kid-Os. Now it's time for you to go back to your classrooms where you will get into groups with your leader and other Kid-Os, have a snack, and do a fun Christmas activity. See you later!