



3rd - 5th

DATE December 15-16, 2018

STORY Jesus is born!

BIG IDEA

Jesus was the best surprise ever!

NEXT STEP

Invite someone to celebrate Jesus with you!

SCHEDULE

FREE TIME Connect with kids as they arrive and have free play (10 minutes)

LARGE GROUP Introduce today's big idea and story (15 minutes)

GAME TIME Reinforce the big idea through an active game (10 minutes)

COOL DOWN TIME Transition and cool down from game time (10 minutes)

LARGE GROUP Wrap up today's big idea and respond through worship (10 minutes)

SMALL GROUPS Personally connect with kids and apply the story to their lives (15 minutes)

NEED TO KNOW

Today we'll be showing some brand new Kids' Club Christmas videos, and we'd love to know what you and the kids think of them! So make sure to pay attention to how kids react and engage with the videos.

MAIN VERSE

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



LARGE GROUP

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TIME: 15 minutes

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SUPPLIES: None

VIDEO:

- Kids' Club Anywhere / Generous Rex and Madlibs
- Kids' Club Anywhere / Cast of Characters and Beatboxing

NOTES:

SET UP EXPECTATIONS

- **Say:** Welcome to Kids' Club, we're so glad to have you here! We want this to be a **safe** and **fun** place for you. To do that, let's all commit to doing a few things:
 - Show respect to each other
 - Listen when someone else is speaking
 - Have fun!

INTRODUCE THE BIG IDEA

- **Ask:** We all love surprises, right? What's the best surprise you've ever gotten? **Turn to a friend and talk about it for 1 minute.** (Let kids respond and discuss on their own, and then let a few kids share with the whole group.) Those sound awesome!
- **Say:** Today, we're talking about the best surprise that's ever been given, or ever WILL be given: **Jesus!** So here's today's BIG IDEA: **Jesus was the best surprise ever!**
- **Say:** The reason this is a big deal, is because a lot of people were expecting Jesus to come as a powerful king or ruler. But he came in a really different and unexpected way: he was born as a baby! And it was the best surprise ever.
- **Say:** Let's watch a video that's all about some really cool Christmas surprises. As you watch, pay attention to all the different "unexpected" surprises that happen.
- **Video:** **KC Christmas Anywhere / Generous Rex and Madlibs (6 min)**

CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

- **Say:** How would YOU like to be visited by Generous Rex, or do some crazy Madlibs?! (Let kids respond.) Yep, that would be a pretty cool surprise. But it's nothing compared to the kind of surprise Jesus' birth was. Let's check out a video that tells the whole story of Christmas in a really unexpected way!
- **Video:** **Kids' Club Anywhere / Cast of Characters and Beatboxing (5 minutes)**
- **Say:** Wow, that was a pretty cool way to hear about how Jesus was born! Did anything in that video surprise you? (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** What it all boils down to, is this: The entire Christmas season is about how Jesus came to the world to rescue us, and forgive us for all the wrong choices that we make. He came to show us how much God loves us. He came to change the world, and bring us close to God again. And that is way better than any present we can ever receive!
- **Say:** So remember, today's big idea is this: **Jesus was the best surprise ever!**



GAME TIME AND COOL DOWN

GAME TIME

TIME: 10 minutes

BIG IDEA: Jesus was the best surprise ever!

SUPPLIES:

- Large sheet of tear off paper (1/ group of 6 kids)
- Markers (1 set/group)
- Masking/painters tape (1 roll/room)

VIDEO: 10-Minute Countdown Timer

PREPARE

- Start the **10-Minute Countdown Timer**
- Split kids into **small groups of 6 kids each.**

HOW TO PLAY

- **Say:** Let's show our excitement for Christmas by creating our own Nativity scenes!
- Break kids into **groups of 6** and give each group a **large sheet of tear off paper** and **markers** (this smaller group size will ensure that all kids have enough to do).
- Each member of the group should decide which parts of the Nativity they want to draw. Here are the basic elements of the scene of Jesus' birth (review these with kids to give them ideas):
 - Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, three wise men, shepherds, angels, donkeys, cows, sheep, etc.
 - They can have a manger for baby Jesus, hay, (shelter, like a barn or cave), stars, etc.
- Let kids work together and create their scene! After each group is finished, **tape** the nativity scenes up on the walls around the room!

COOL DOWN TIME

TIME: 10 minutes

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SUPPLIES:

- Die (1/group)
- Verse card (1/group)

VIDEO: 10-Minute Countdown

PREPARE

- Start the **10-Minute Countdown Timer.**
- Break into **small groups.**

RESPOND TO THE GAME

- What ways do you show your excitement about Christmas? How did people in today's story show their excitement?
- This month we've been learning **Isaiah 9:6: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
- Let kids take turns and **roll a die.** Whichever number they roll, they can choose that many other kids in the group to say the verse with them in a funny voice. They can make up their own, or choose one of these options: in slow motion, squeaky high pitched voice, with a british accent or in a whisper.
- **Tip:** Hold up the **verse card** for kids to read the verse from on their turn.



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SUPPLIES: None

VIDEO:

- 10-Second Countdown Timer
- Awaited / Shepherds (start and stop time: 46:26-49:13; [youtube.com/watch?v=Vbur5FmXEy8&t=1758s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vbur5FmXEy8&t=1758s))
- Can't Wait for Christmas ([youtube.com/watch?v=rTWtd6YXWSI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTWtd6YXWSI))
- Feelin Like Christmas ([youtube.com/watch?v=K-A6tz0liYo&t=46s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-A6tz0liYo&t=46s))
- KC Christmas Song

***SPECIAL NOTE:** Play the new **KC Christmas song** while kids are in **small groups**. It's the last video of the keynote.

TRANSITION STRETCH

- **Say:** Let's start Large Group off with a stretch! Everyone lay on your back, and stare at the ceiling. Take a DEEP breath in, and a DEEP breath out. (Repeat with kids, then start the video.)
- **Play the 10-Second Countdown Timer**

JESUS IS BORN!

- **Say:** Jesus was no ordinary baby. He was the king that God had been promising for so long. And he came to us as a baby!?
- **Say:** Can you imagine if a regular king went and lived with the poorest people in his kingdom, maybe out on a farm with the shepherds? (Let kids respond.) No way! But that's basically what Jesus did for us. Jesus was willing to be born as a baby and grow up like us, all in order to rescue us.
- **Say:** Let's check out our verse that we've been hearing all month. It's a message that God gave to a man named Isaiah, about what Jesus would be like when he arrived.
- **Slide: Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

RESPONSE TIME

- **Ask:** How can we show Jesus that we are excited about his birth? (Let kids respond.) Great ideas! One way is to tell others....and an easy way to do that is to simply invite them to Crossroads with you!
- **Say:** Next weekend, there won't be any Kids' Club....but there WILL be brand new, extra-special **Christmas services** made especially for your whole family to do together. There's going to be some really cool things happening, and it's the perfect time to bring someone who you think would enjoy it!
- **Say:** Let's take a minute to think about someone you might want to invite to a Christmas service with you. As we think about it, we'll watch a music video that shows the first people who got to go and celebrate Jesus: lowly shepherds, who took care of sheep! Let's check it out.
- **Music Video: Awaited / Shepherds**

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

- **Say:** Let's worship Jesus just like those shepherds did! Let's give all our focus and attention to him.
- **Music Video: Can't Wait for Christmas**
- **Music Video (Optional/Alternative): Feelin Like Christmas**
- **Pray:** God, you are an amazing father. Thank you for sending Jesus to us, and for rescuing us. We love you, and help us to remember the reason for Christmas!



SMALL GROUPS

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TIME: 15 minutes (or until parent pick up)

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NEXT STEP: Invite someone to celebrate Jesus' birth with you!

SUPPLIES:

- Invitation (1/kid)
- Markers (1 set/group)
- Christmas Stickers (3 per kid)

NOTES:

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

- Break into **small groups** let each kid answer this question: What's your favorite Christmas movie?

RESPOND TO THE STORY

- Why did God send Jesus to earth?
- What different kinds of people got to hear about Jesus' birth? How did they show their excitement?
- What were some of the things that made Jesus' birth a little strange/unexpected? (He was born outside with animals, his parents were regular people, shepherds were the first to find out about him.)
- Why do you think Jesus was born as a baby outside, instead of like a king? (God does things differently! He wanted Jesus to be like us and experience life as we do; Jesus was not a "regular" king.)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- **This week's next step is to invite someone to celebrate Jesus' birth with you!**
 - Let's do this by thinking of at least **one person** you would like to invite to Christmas Eve services at Crossroads. It could be a friend from school, a neighbor, a family member, etc. Someone who you want to share Jesus with, and who would love an exciting, fun celebration!
 - Give each kid an **invitation**. Let kids write the name on the invitation, and add a personal message or picture!
 - Set out **Christmas stickers** and **markers**, and let kids color and decorate the invitation however they like!

PRAY

- Ask kids if there's anything they want you to pray for, and then pray as a group.

EXTRA TIME?

- Give kids **maze and word-search activity sheets** to work on until their parents pick them up.



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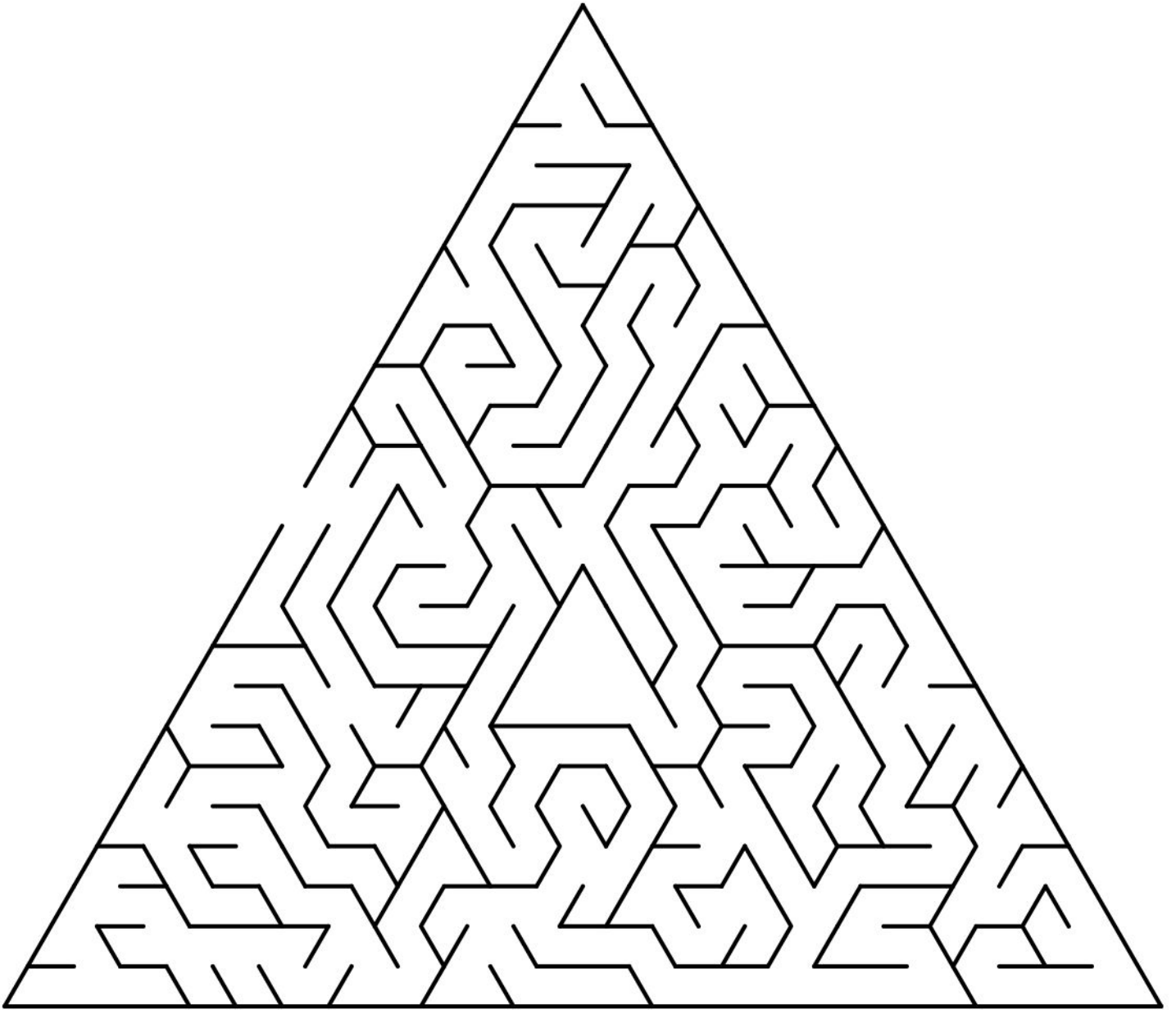
Tell me about Jesus' birth.
How will you worship and celebrate Jesus?

lesson supplies

Large Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Adventure Bible	1 per large group, reused	Biblesbythe Case.com	site
Large sheet of tear off paper	1 per group of 6 kids		site
Masking or painters tape	1 roll per room	To hang the nativity scenes	site
Markers	1 set per group, reused		site

Small Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Colored dot stickers	1 per kid	Provide enough colors for each group at a service to use a separate color. Staples: Avery 5472 or Avery 5795 or Avery 5473	site
Maze sheet - Wise Men	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black&white, Page 7	site
Word search sheet - Wise Men	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black&white, Page 8	site
Die	1 per small group, reused	Oriental Trading Foam Dice	KC National
Isaiah 9:6 verse card	1 per small group, reused	8.5x11 cardstock (if reused) or paper, black&white, Page 9	site
Markers	1 set per group, reused		site
Invitation	1 per kid	8.5x11 cardstock, black and white, cut into half sheets, Page 10	site
Christmas Stickers	3 per kid	Oriental Trading *remove the rolls of Santa stickers before sending to sites.	KC National

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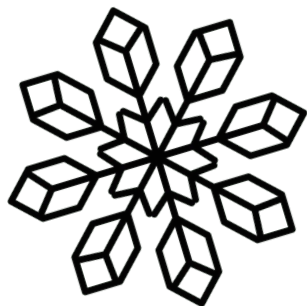
Isaiah 9:6

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1. KC Logo Slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: Kids' Club Anywhere / Generous Rex and Madlibs (in progress)
3. Video: Kids' Club Anywhere / Cast of Characters and Beatboxing (in progress)
4. Video: 10-Minute Timer (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vn31KFenBlo>)
5. Video: 10-Minute Timer (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vn31KFenBlo>)
6. Video: 10-second countdown video_121618
7. Slide: Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
8. Music Video: Awaited / Shepherds (start and stop time: 46:26-49:13; [youtube.com/watch?v=Vbur5FmXEy8&t=1758s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vbur5FmXEy8&t=1758s))
9. Music Video: Can't Wait for Christmas (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTWtd6YXWSI>)
10. Music Video: Feelin Like Christmas ([youtube.com/watch?v=K-A6tz0liYo&t=46s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-A6tz0liYo&t=46s))
11. Video: Play this visual loop over KC Christmas Song (song still in process, just use loop for now: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUQeISAu1Dw>)