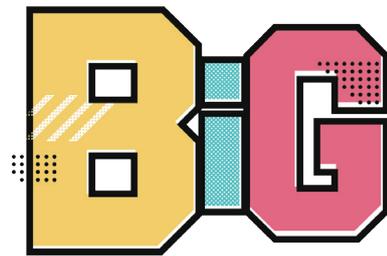


CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

LEADER'S GUIDE YOUNGER CHILDREN KDG



BIG PICTURE:

CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

BIG IDEA:

MYSTERY OF THE MANGER

BIG POINT:

THE MYSTERY OF JESUS IS GOD WITH US

BIG WORD:

FOR THERE IS BORN TO YOU THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOUR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD. LUKE 2:11 (NKJV)

DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture 'A CHRISTMAS MYSTERY'. It contains an outline for you to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children. The BIG 'Celebrate' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.

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KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

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LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- Learn that God became man, Jesus Immanuel - God with us.
- Know that Jesus came so we can be saved from sin.
- Understand that King Jesus came as a baby!

YOUNGER CHILDREN RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 6-8

Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

What's your favourite Christmas food?

THE BIG QUESTION GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What does Immanuel mean?

Immanuel means God with us, it was the name the prophet Isaiah gave to Jesus hundreds and hundred of years before He was even born. Isaiah 7:14 (NIV) "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

2. What kind of bed did Jesus have when He was born?

Read Luke 2:11-12 (NIV) "Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." This mystery in a manger is that our Mighty King, Jesus, came to earth to dwell among us.

3. Why did Jesus come to earth?

Jesus spent around 30 years on earth in the flesh. Three of those years He spent training His disciples, teaching people how to live God's way, healing people and doing miracles. Those are some pretty incredible things, but they weren't the only reason Jesus came. Jesus purpose for coming to earth was to be our Saviour. 1 John 4:14 (NIV) "The Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world."

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Nativity page supplied in the print material files, printed for each child onto card paper. Popsicle sticks (4 per child), cotton balls, glue, colouring pencils.

DIRECTIONS:

Give each child a nativity scene page to colour in. Next they can use a little glue to stick on four popsicle sticks to make the walls and roof, then stick on some cotton balls to make woolly sheep.

EXPLANATION: Jesus the name above all names, Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace came to serve not to be served. A humble birth that had all of heaven rejoicing. Angels sang, Luke 2:14 (NIV) "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

